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Waveland  
parade tonight

The Waveland Civic Association is sponsoring a parade in Waveland prior to the Waveland Festival of Lights tonight at 5 p.m. said Jay Fountain, association president.

The parade will line-up at 4 p.m. on Central Avenue next to the ball park near Waveland Ave. The parade will travel from Central to Lafitte Drive; Lafitte to Beach Blvd.; Beach to Coleman Ave.; Coleman to Central, where it will disband.

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Emergency  
funds awarded

Hancock County has been awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program. The county will receive \$10,484 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the area.

The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program and will meet at 12 noon, Wednesday, Dec. 16, in the St. Vincent De Paul office, 307-C Coleman Ave., Waveland. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

For more information on the program contact Joe Varino at 467-0703.

Meeting  
rescheduled

The workshop meeting of the Waveland Board of Aldermen has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m.

The regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m.

TIDES

WEEK OF 12-13-98

DAY	HIGH	LOW
Sun.	9:09 p.	8:56 a.
Mon.	9:19 p.	8:18 a.
Tue.	9:40 p.	8:33 a.
Wed.	10:07 p.	8:59 a.
Thur.	10:38 p.	9:29 a.
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## Sheriff suggests county ask for A.G.'s opinion

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County supervisors might want to seek a state attorney general's opinion on whether it can charge Bay St. Louis and Waveland for temporarily housing juveniles.

That suggestion comes from Sheriff Ronnie Peterson after reviewing a letter written Nov. 19, to supervisors by Waveland city attorney Ronnie Artigues.

The letter came after the Echo reported in a Nov. 12, story that only the county was tacking an extra \$5 fine on to

misdemeanor cases coming through its Justice Court. Under a local and private bill passed by the Mississippi Legislature in March of 1997, the county and cities were allowed to assess the extra fine, but there has been no movement to do so by the two cities. The result is the loss of several thousands of dollars for future operations of the still-to-be-constructed county Juvenile Detention Center.

Justice Court Clerk Liz Cook estimates the county has

been levying the extra fine since May of 1997, and an average of \$2,000 a month has been put in escrow.

Under the state legislation, and concurrent resolutions adopted by the supervisors and the governing bodies of each city, the extra \$5 fee was for two purposes. A total \$3 of the fine was to be used for operating and maintaining the new county Courthouse Annex on Hwy. 90, which is now being

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### Santa and Ms. Claus

Santa and Ms. Claus along with more than 700 visitors turned out to see the more than 50 trees decorating the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library during its fourth annual Holiday Tree Gala Sunday. Entertainment was provided by the Main Street United Methodist Church Praise Bell Choir and the St. Rose de Lima Gospel Choir. Children were also entertained by Cherie Schadler's "Christmas in Bayou Town" puppet show. Winners in the annual gala are featured in today's special edition of the Echo, "Last Minute Gift Guide".

## Property owners hire firm to appeal ruling

BY ED LEPOMA

A South Beach property owner has launched a double-barrel offensive in efforts to keep a tract of land near Bayou Caddy zoned for a resort/casino development.

Jim Maness, who represents himself and 10 to 12 beachfront property owners in the Sand Bayou area west of

Waveland, informed the Echo this week that he has hired a New Orleans-based law firm to take his appeal all the way to the state Supreme Court.

Maness plans to appeal a November ruling by Chancery Court Judge Thomas Teel in favor of environmentalists and citizens groups opposing the casino venture. Teel ordered

the case sent back to the Commission on Marine Resources.

Maness has retained the prestigious law firm of Deutsch, Kerrigan and Stiles to take his appeal to the state's highest court. The firm is headquartered in New Orleans, but has offices in Gulfport and Lafayette.

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## Dreams coming true for Henderson Ford

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

A dream is about to come true for Charlie Henderson, president of Henderson Ford, Inc., located on the Waveland-Bay St. Louis line of Highway 90.

The dream will be the moving into a 19,722 sq. ft. brand spanking new \$1.5 million dealership of concrete and steel. Charlie hopes that the move will be Feb. 14, 1999, the anniversary of his 27th year of taking over the Ford dealership in Hancock County.

The most modern facility with grounds covering 6.5 acres will be completely concreted with a boulevard type entrance form Highway 90.

The center focus of the dealership which sits off the highway will be a bell tower. Its exterior surface will be covered with Alubond, an aluminum alloy in panels which will glow at night.

The bell was moved from a family farm in South Carolina

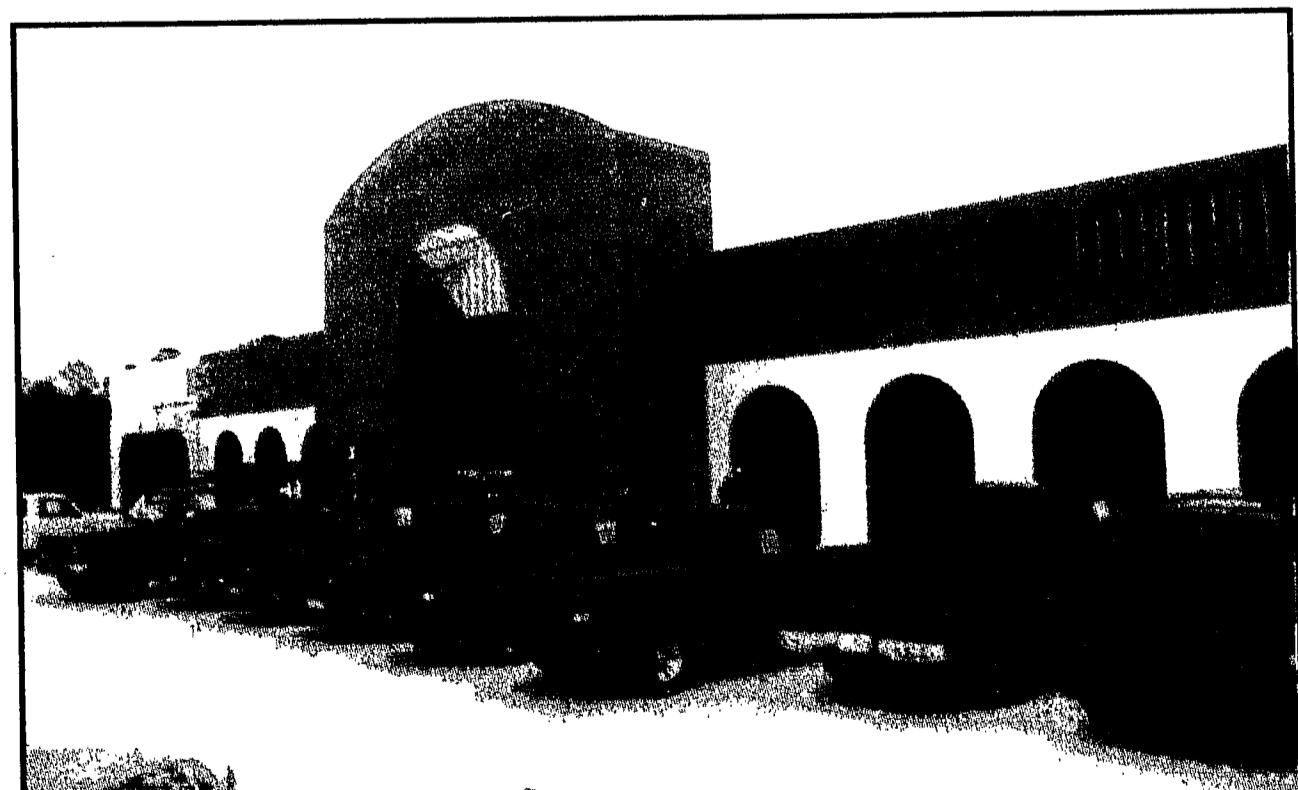
in 1857 to a farm in Calhoun County between Bruce and Scripta, Miss., then to a family farm in Quitman County. The farm in Quitman is still owned by the Henderson family, as Charlie and two brothers are now the owners. Henderson added, "The farm just does not have the bell anymore."

At the new dealership the bell, which is now undergoing some minor repairs, will be rung each time the delivery of a vehicle takes place.

In the new showroom, a 1957 Ford Thunderbird, which has been at Charlie's for several years, will be on a revolving stand in the center of the showroom.

Henderson is elated, too, having just re-acquired the first vehicle sold from Henderson Ford, a 1972 LTD Braugham. The car came from Al Kingston of Waveland, the second owner of the vehicle.

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### Nearing reality

Construction on the 19,722 sq. ft. Henderson Ford continues. The \$1.5 million dealership is expected to open in February 1999. (Echo staff photo by B.R. Hawkins)

## Chamber names 1998 honorees

BY B.R. HAWKINS

The annual Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's Christmas banquet serves as a platform for recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of community leaders and chamber members. This year's event, held Friday night at Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center was highlighted by the naming of Princess Mary Fahey as the 1998 Citizen of the Year.

The chamber recognized Princess Mary Fahey, a former business owner who recently closed the doors to one of the traditional mainstays of community life in Hancock County—The Princess Shop.

For nearly 30 years, The Princess Shop served, not only to outfit women for casual and formal affairs, but attended to the social and educational needs of many a teenager through its nationally recognized teen board program.

Fahey was described as a "truly phenomenal lady who believes in helping others. She continues to give back to the community by providing transportation for the elderly and visiting senior citizens on their birthdays."

Additionally, the chamber annually presents a Community Pride Award to a business that has demonstrated a continued commitment to community service, community development and community beautification. The 1998 recipient was Alcan Cable.

Alcan Cable opened in Bay St. Louis in 1975 and from 1980 until now, has grown from 44 employees to 130 employees. The plant, under direction of general manager, Pierre Langevin, produces 6,000 volt overhead and underground service entrance cable for commercial and residential use.

Jon Ritten, who served as the 1998 chamber president, credited much of the year's success to staff members, former executive director, Student directors and chamber staff include:

Hancock High School, Amy Cuevas and Tiffany Lee; Our Lady Academy, Melissa Niolet and Mary Frances Ladner; Bay High School, Jessica Pearce and Andrea Sellier; St. Stanislaus, Kevin Estrade and Mylon Labat; Coast Episcopal, Eleanore Bernadas and Alexis Inabinet;

Amy Gregory, executive director; Janell Moore, administrative assistant; Margaret Hadden, RSVP volunteer; Dot Feaheny, RSVP volunteer; Mary Gilmore, RSVP volunteer; and Pat Brauner, RSVP volunteer.



Princess Mary Fahey

Cindy Vernon, Janell Moore and executive director, Amy Gregory and to the committee chairpersons who accepted nothing less than the best.

Officers and directors for the chamber include:

Teri Wyly, president; Dusty Rhodes, vice president; Herb Dubuisson, treasurer; Janet McQueen, exec. committee; Jon E. Ritten, exec. committee; Catherine Green-Dotson, Raymose McMillon, Frank Conoway, Hal Walters, Keith Mitchell, Herbert T. Dubuisson, Paul Guichet, Harry Wilson, Amy Corr, Anne Mann, Ellis C. Cuevas, Patrick Wild, Bill Lady and Brehm Bell.

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## OBITUARIES

**JOHN W. ALFORD**  
**GEORGE T. BIGGS**  
**JOHN J. MEYERS**  
**WILLIAM V. ROBERTSON**  
**RUFUS J. SIGNORELLI**

**JOHN W. ALFORD**

John Warren Alford, 74, of Pass Christian, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1998, in New Orleans.

Mr. Alford was a native of McComb, Miss., and had been a resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast for 35 years and the city of Pass Christian for 30 years.

Mr. Alford was a graduate of Louisiana State University after serving in the infantry in World War II. He was a retired vice president of Hancock Bank. He was a past member of the Pass Christian Rotary Club, Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce, Pass Christian Yacht Club and Pass Christian Golf Club.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth D. Alford; two brothers, James Louis Alford and Julius Mosby Alford; and a sister, Alla Quin Alford Mixon.

Survivors include a brother, Jacob E. Alford Jr. of Metairie, La.; two daughters, Mrs. Jeanette Alford Guel of Gulfport and Mrs. Mary Lynn Alford Searles of Long Beach; and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian.

The family prefers memorial contributions to the American Heart Association, 180 DeBuys Road, Biloxi, MS 39531.

**GEORGE T. BIGGS**

George Toliver Biggs, 87, of Pass Christian, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 1998, in Pass Christian.

Mr. Biggs was born May 14, 1909 and served in the Navy.

He was employed with Miramar Hotel until it became Miramar Nursing Home. He was a member of First Missionary Baptist Church in Pass Christian.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Rose Biggs; a son, George Biggs Jr.; a daughter, Marjorie R. Biggs; a sister, Mary Alice McLemore; and a brother, Oscar Biggs.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha Lee Biggs of Pass Christian; a son, Richard Leon Biggs of Victorville, Calif.; a sister, Mayme Joseph of Pass Christian; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Friday at First Missionary Baptist Church in Pass Christian. Burial was in Biloxi National Cemetery.

J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

**JOHN J. MEYERS**

John J. Meyers, 76, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, Dec. 9 in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Meyers was a former maintenance man for St. Stanislaus and McDonald Real Estate. He was a native of New Orleans and an Army veteran of World War II having served 10 years in Europe.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Emily Goetz Meyers; and a brother, Floyd Meyers.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine Ginart Meyers of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Deborah Joy Smith of Biloxi; a brother, Arnold Meyers of Denham Springs, La.; two sisters, Cleo Meyers of Metairie, La. and Elvira Meyers of Jefferson, La.

Memorial services will be conducted at a later date.

The family prefers memorials to Quality Hospice, 177 Sutter Place, Biloxi, MS 39530.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

**WILLIAM V. ROBERTSON**

William Vernon Robertson, 87, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1998, in Gulfport.

Mr. Robertson was a native of Covington County and was a retired postal clerk after 31 years of service.

He was a member of the Mississippi Wildlife Federation where he served as president for several terms and was secretary of the National Wildlife Federation. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Long Beach and was a graduate of Perkinson Junior College.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nora Daniels Robertson; and two brothers, Gaston Robertson and Buford Robertson.

Survivors include two sons, Bert Robertson of Atlanta and Richard Robertson of Orlando, Fla.; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport.

Services were conducted Saturday at the funeral home chapel, followed by burial in Southern Memorial Park in Biloxi.

**RUFUS J. SIGNORELLI**

Rufus J. Signorelli, 83, of Kenner, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1998, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Signorelli was sent from Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to the Tharp Sontheimer Funeral Home in Kenner for services and burial.

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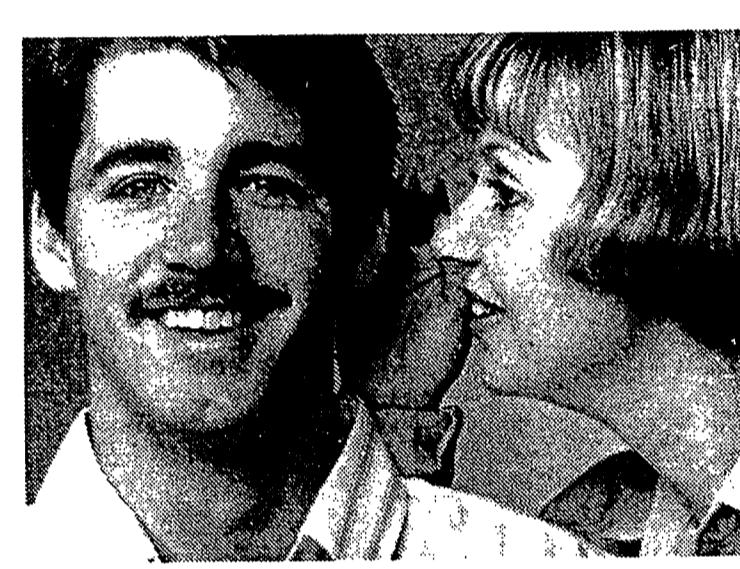
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**Pilgrim story**

Gay Davis and Jason Purvis' life skills class presented a Thanksgiving story about Pilgrims to students and faculty at Hancock High School. In addition, the class prepared a Thanksgiving lunch for parents to learn more about the importance of social skills. Various businesses, families and other friends of education donated the food. (Photo by Tammy Ehrlich)

## LAP applications being accepted

The Pearl River-Hancock FSA Office was recently approved to begin accepting applications for the LAP.

The LAP is designed to provide assistance to eligible livestock owners who suffered qualifying feed losses due to natural disaster conditions during the 1998 crop year.

A producer must have suffered at least a 40 percent grazing loss for at least 90 consecutive days as a result of drought, hot weather, disease, insect infestation, flood, fire, hurricane, earthquake, severe storm, or other natural disaster during calendar year 1998.

The FSA Office is currently accepting applications and will continue through Jan. 8, 1999.

All livestock owners are encouraged to come to the FSA Office to apply for this assistance as soon as possible.

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### Citizen of the Year

Princess May Fahey, center, was honored by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce as the 1998 *Citizen of the Year* Friday night at the chamber's annual banquet held at Our Lady of the Gulf's Community Center. Those in photo are from left, Jay Lagasse, chamber executive committee member; Princess Fahey and son Edmond Fahey III. (Echo staff photo by Randy Ponder).



### Community Pride Award

Alcan Cable general manager Pierre Langevin, right, accepts the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's 1998 *Community Pride Award* from Jon E. Ritten, 1998 chamber president, left, and Teri Wyly, 1999 president, center. Alcan Cable located in Bay St. Louis produces 6,000 volt overhead and underground service entrance cable for commercial and residential use. (Echo staff photo by Randy Ponder).

### Search continues for D'hed woman

By ED LEPOMA

Law enforcement agencies in Hancock County and nearby St. Tammany Parish are seeking information on the whereabouts of a Diamondhead woman missing since October 16.

Hancock County Sheriff Ronnie Peterson said Friday "foul play" is expected in the disappearance of Carol Jean Bruno, 41, of Diamondhead.

Peterson said Bruno's 1998 Grand Marquis was found abandoned in a parking lot off Pontchartrain Drive in Slidell last Thursday, almost two months after her disappearance. She was last seen on the morning of Oct. 16 when she dropped off her 12-year-old daughter at Hancock High School and reported missing the next day by her husband, Danny Bruno.

"We are investigating the matter as if foul play had occurred," said Peterson.

The car has been towed to the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office crime laboratory in Covington, where it will be searched after Hancock detectives come with a search warrant that allows them and St. Tammany crime lab technicians to check out the vehicle.

Bruno is described as 5 feet 9 inches tall, 125 pounds, with blue eyes and medium-length brown hair. When last seen, she was wearing a pullover shirt of unknown color and khaki pants.

Hancock County Sheriff's Department Capt. Matt Karl is leading the investigation, assisted by Capt. George Burleson.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Sheriff's Department at 228/467-5101 or the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Department at 504/892-8181.

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### Home smoke detectors available through Bay St. Louis Fire Department

"If goods or services are available to benefit our residents, the City of Bay St. Louis will make every effort to secure these items," said Fire Chief Robert Gavagnie, while announcing the first recipient of a free home smoke detector, Mrs. Joyce Davis. The Fire Department has arranged for the alarms to be installed by Total Security Alarm Company, a local company donating its time and service to facilitate this effort.

Giving the gift of life is the theme of a collaborative effort by state fire officials, state health officials, and Radio Shack to reduce the number of fire deaths and injuries in Mississippi during OPERATION FIRESAFE.

Mississippi has one of the highest fire death rates in the country, and firefighters across the state say they are getting more creative and aggressive in developing programs to help change that. This program emphasizes installation of the smoke detectors, rather than just handing them out. Radio Shack started OPERATION FIRESAFE four years ago and modeled it after a program it had helped the city of Philadelphia to sponsor. During this time the company has donated over \$7 million in detectors to needy families.

"We will focus our installation efforts in the homes of disabled individuals and senior citizens, meeting OPERATION FIRESAFE criteria," said Gavagnie. "We appreciate the efforts of Radio Shack and Total Security to make Bay St. Louis A Place Apart in safety."

For information, call the fire department at 467-4736 during regular business hours.

### Parade — Tonight

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better parade this year. There will be lots of candy and throws, something the Waveland Civic Association parades are noted for.

Immediately following the parade will be the Waveland Festival of Lights. Coleman Avenue merchants will be offering treats to all visitors. The St. Clare Choir and the Waveland

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architects to come up with final designs for a resort complex that would include 900 feet of sand beach. Proposed are a 250-room hotel, a marina, a restaurant and entertainment facility and a gambling barge. The Cure property is already an approved gambling site.

In returning the matter to the CMR, Judge Teel said one of his reasons was he thought the Commission needs to address for the future whether approval of a casino site can be allowed even though there is no project on the drawing board.

Maness said he intends to present "preliminary plans" to the CMR on Dec. 15.

### Appeal — Firm hired

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Specifically, Maness will be represented by Victor J. Franckiewicz Jr., who filed notice of appeal in Hancock County Chancery Court on Nov. 25.

In his appeal, Franckiewicz asked that all records of the proceedings over the last several years be reviewed by the high court.

Although appeals to the state Supreme Court can take up to two years, Franckiewicz told the Echo he was hopeful for a speedy decision. He said appeals have been handled faster since the state added an Appeals Court to aid the Supreme Court.

Franckiewicz also said he

planned to accompany Maness Tuesday at a scheduled meeting of the CMR.

There, Maness will ask for CMR reconsideration and claim that a Las Vegas developer needs his tract of land for a proposed new venture at Bayou Caddy where the Jubilee barge once operated.

It was revealed last September that Phoenix Leisure Inc., which developed the Horseshoe Casino in Las Vegas and has other hotel and gaming interests in Canada, has signed a lease with the Cure family for the 30-acre Jubilee gambling site at Bayou Caddy.

The firm has hired a team of



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## "CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

It was good to get away from the area for a few days as Jane and I were able to this past week.

Our main objective was a visit to San Antonio's Christmas on the River, which is a very spectacular Christmas production.

We were on a Hancock Bank Classic Club tour, which included Mary Sinders and Ruth Logan of Waveland; Dot Parr, BaySide Park; Bob and Dawn Schutt and Walter and Betty Stone of Diamondhead; along with others from the Coast and Baton Rouge.

On the way to San Antonio we spent the first night in Houston where we had dinner at the Great Caruso, which included singing waiters, concert pianists, all in an operatic setting.

In San Antonio, one of the most interesting experiences was attending a Mariachi Mass at Mission San Jose y San Miguel De Aguayo on Sunday.

The old mission parish church was packed with people from more than half the states and several foreign countries.

The Christmas program on the San Antonio River Walk, along with other activities, were great. It seems that the City of San Antonio is really reaping benefits from the river walk. Events are scheduled throughout the year to bring in tourists.

One day we traveled to Fredericksburg, Texas, for a tour of the historical Germantown. We also visited Johnson City, Texas and the LBJ Ranch, which is a national park.

On our way back, we spent a night in Natchitoches, Louisiana, toured the Chaplin House, Rose Lawn, and Trinity Episcopal Church.

We had a meat pie dinner at the Chamard Home and, of course, visited the very large Christmas light display on the river.

Needless to say, it was a very interesting six-day journey, and we all had a great time.

One of the points I would like to make is that many communities take something small and make it into something which can benefit the entire community. In checking the history of the places we visited, someone had to come with ideas and then others had to help make them a reality.

To give you an idea, we were told by our guide in Natchitoches that many years ago several lights were strung up along the river. Now there are thousands and thousands of Christmas lights. More and more lights and lighted scenes are added each year.

The cost for the operation of the lights is shared by all of the power users of the community.

Bringing visitors to their city brings in big revenues which makes the city prosperous.

By a community working together many things can be accomplished.

P.S. A straw poll vote taken on the way home was, 22 for impeachment, 15 against and one abstention.

At 5 this evening the Waveland Civic Association's annual Christmas parade will roll through the streets.

The Waveland Festival of Lights will begin at 6 p.m. with the bonfire at 7:30 p.m. on the beach in front of Coleman Avenue.

The St. Clare Church choir and third grade will be the entertainers.

Also, the Christmas Card Lane, Mollere Drive's opening night celebration will take place. Santa will be there from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Trolleys from Coleman Avenue to Christmas Card Lane will be available.

Sounds like it will be a great time in Waveland this evening.

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## WHY CASTRO IS ALLOWING CHRISTMAS IN CUBA



## FROM THE GOVERNOR

By Governor Kirk Fordice

### Tax cuts and education are vital to our future

This week I unveiled the legislative agenda for my final year as Governor. The first goal of my 1999 legislative agenda is a 10 percent state individual income tax rebate for all taxpayers, annually, beginning calendar year 2000 or 2001.

Implementation in calendar year 2001 would have no effect on the FY 2000 budget and could be completely financed by revenue growth.

This tax rebate is a simple, fair and significant tax break. On the average, a taxpayer with our income tax rebate would receive about \$95 from his annual income tax.

After seven years of consistent work, Mississippi is thriving with a budget surplus of \$101 million. Much debate will arise over how the state should utilize this extra money, but the only fair means would be to return it to the people who are responsible for this surplus.

Mississippi taxpayers are tired of government finding "needs" to be funded with their hard-earned money.

President Grover Cleveland remarked on the importance of restraining government from spending money and increasing government: "When more of the people's sustenance is exacted through the form of taxation than is necessary to meet the just obligations of government and expenses of its economical administration, such exaction becomes ruthless extortion and a violation of the fundamental principles of a free government."

A great obstacle in rewarding Mississippians with tax cuts is the current policy that requires a 3/5 vote to raise and to lower taxes. In this session, I maintain my commitment to reduce taxes by a majority vote of both legislative houses.

I am, and have always been, committed to providing our children with the best possible education and a strong economy with plentiful opportunities. I call for parental choice for students in Level 1 and 2 public schools.

Children in the lowest-rated schools should be permitted to opt in favor of the best schools

We should not allow circumstances to deny our children the opportunity to learn in a better environment.

Parents, leaders and syndicated columnists throughout the country are observing the success of school choice. It is past time for Mississippi parents to have this choice.

To enhance the quality of our education system, I propose the Mississippi Excellent Schools Act, an overall plan to improve Mississippi public schools. This plan includes testing teachers and staff at low-performing schools, including student achievement as a part of teachers' and principals' valuations, and rewarding improved schools.

Mississippi is blessed with some of the nation's best and brightest students. To reward and retain these students, I have proposed 100 percent funding for the Mississippi Eminent Scholars' Grant Program so that each grant award will be fully funded at \$2,500 per eminent scholars.

As Mississippi celebrated her 181st birthday this week, I looked back on her outstanding growth and accomplishments. I encourage the Legislature to work with me to ensure that the next 181 years of Mississippi are bright, productive and successful for our hardworking citizens.

## Technicalities

By State Auditor Phil Bryant

### SCHOOLS

Q May a school official, such as a principal, carry a weapon whether concealed or not on school property?

A No. See Section 97-37-17(6) for exception for firearms within a motor vehicle. (Attorney General's opinion to Webster dated July 31, 1998)

Q May a school board or superintendent grant permission for a school officer or principal to carry a weapon on school property?

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A No. In addition, only the limited circumstances of a po-

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(Attorney General's opinion to Lowrey dated July 31, 1998)

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# County hires Eaton & Cottrell to negotiate landfill deal

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County's Solid Waste Authority has hired a local law firm steeped in environmental issues to help negotiate the contract for a future combination landfill/rubbish site.

At Wednesday's recess meeting, the six-member Authority voted unanimously to hire the law firm of Eaton and Cottrell to assist Authority attorney Lucien Gex in negotiating a contract with Mississippi Waste of Hancock County. The Hattiesburg-based firm has offered to permit, build and operate a landfill on part of a 700-acre tract of land in the buffer zone surrounding the Stennis Space Center near the Flat Top Community.

Gex made the recommendation to hire Eaton and Cottrell, and specifically Teri Wyly at a rate of \$125-an-hour. Wyly, who lives in Bay St. Louis, was recently elected president of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and previously served on the Chamber's Environmental Committee.

The law firm of Eaton and Cottrell has been involved in environmental litigation issues

and has negotiated contracts for operation of the Pecan Grove Landfill in Harrison County and other landfill operations in Natchez. It has offices in Gulfport, Hattiesburg, Jackson and Bay St. Louis.

Although the Authority did not put a cap on the length of time or the amount the law firm would ultimately be paid, Gex later told the Echo that he expected a draft of a contract to be hammered out "within a reasonable time." He said the attorney's cost would be paid by Mississippi Waste of Hancock County, the proposed developer.

Wednesday's meeting of the Authority was the first attended by newly elected Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo, who automatically becomes a member of the board.

In a gesture of reconciliation, Longo announced he would appoint former Mayor John Mason, the man he defeated, as Waveland's second representative on the Authority. The nomination still must be approved by the newly elected Board of Aldermen.

Mason has almost four years of experience on the solid waste

issue and has been involved in landfill discussions since county supervisors opted to reject a site already permitted in the Standard Community and look elsewhere.

He replaces restaurateur Tommy Kidd, who was Mason's representative on the Board.

Authority Chairman and Supervisor Rocky Pullman publicly thanked Kidd for the many long hours he has put in on the Solid Waste Board. "You've done this community a great service," said Pullman.

Kidd said he was happy to have served. "If everybody stays the course, (on the landfill) the county is going to be the winner," said Kidd.

Returning to future contract negotiations, Pullman said it was his hope and the hope of most supervisors that whichever hauler is selected for future garbage collections, a clause can be inserted into the contract to limit the size of trucks in most residential areas, especially south of Interstate 10. He said the larger trucks are tearing up the roads, creating more expense for county government.

In other business, the Au-

thority and Gex are on the verge of finalizing a contract that would provide garbage pickup to residents in Diamondhead.

The community's contract with Waste Management expires at the end of this month, and if the Authority takes in the Diamondhead community, it would add almost 2,500 residents to its customer base.

And, Diamondhead residents might see their \$10 monthly charge for garbage pickup cut in half.

"Both sides are calling it a win-win situation."

At the end of the meeting, at the request of Mississippi Waste President Dr. Bennett York, the Authority voted to go into executive session.

York said he had some information on current negotiations with Harrison County, which has shown an interest in joining in the landfill venture. He said Harrison's intentions could affect the contract negotiations.

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## Sheriff — Opinion needed

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used at night by the Bay St. Louis City Court. The remaining \$2 portion of the extra fine was to be escrowed for operating the Juvenile Detention Center.

In his letter to supervisors, Artigues admitted that "Waveland passed a resolution requesting that local and private legislation be adopted allowing implementation of such a fine."

"This was done over a year ago, but the actual fine has not been implemented," Artigues wrote.

He pointed out that at the time the bill was presented, Waveland indicated it would

not levy the fine until the county showed more definite plans on the design of the proposed juvenile facility and more of a commitment to the project.

A stumbling block, Artigues pointed out, was that the sheriff's might attempt to charge each city \$10 a day to house juveniles, in addition to the \$2 from the extra fines allocated to the center.

Peterson told the Echo, "That's one of the alternatives being considered, but it's not written in stone."

The sheriff said the county is now charging each city \$10 a day for housing people who

have been arrested for various offenses by Waveland and Bay police.

"They are considered city prisoners until they are actually bound over by a grand jury," said Peterson. "Then, they become a burden of the county."

He said the state attorney general has ruled that the county can levy the \$10-a-day charge for housing city inmates, but the rules are unclear on whether the same fee can be charged for housing juveniles.

"Juveniles arrested anywhere in the county or the two cities automatically become a

burden of the county, and go through our Youth Court," said Peterson.

"We probably need to get another opinion on whether we can charge the two cities for housing juveniles," he added.

Peterson said he didn't think the extra \$10 would be a burden for the two cities, since the law requires that juveniles can be held only 72 hours in a county detention center before being sent on to a state facility or returned to parents or guardians.

The sheriff also pointed out that the \$10 charge was only one alternative suggested when supervisors were discussing how to pay operating cost of a juvenile detention center, which will be open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

He said architects plan a juvenile facility that will house up to 30 prisoners. "Another alternative was to offer to house up to 15 juveniles being detained by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service," said Peterson. He said the federal government will pay \$125 a day to house those detainees.

In his letter, Artigues reaffirmed Waveland's commitment to the project. "It was always the city of Waveland's intention to implement this fine and to assist to whatever degree we could with the Juvenile Detention Center facility," wrote Artigues.

"To date, however, the mayor and aldermen have not received any information as to the specific construction, time and opening date for this facility. While the city is still willing to contribute these specific fines to aid in the operation of this facility, we cannot do so without further clarification of the Sheriff's intentions," he concluded.

Supervisors have twice bid out the proposed Juvenile Detention Center, and both times the project has come in over the \$1.4 million available for the facility.

The Board has readvertised the project and is scheduled to open bids at its Jan. 8 meeting.

Plans call for the two-story center to be attached to the rear of the historic County Courthouse.

## Ford — Dreaming

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It was originally purchased by Herb and Patsy Dubuisson from Charlie at his new dealership in 1972.

The vehicle only has a few more than 52,432 miles.

When asked about what he is going to do with the first vehicle he ever sold, Charlie said, "I have a few things to do to it, as it is in great condition for its age. I may even end up giving away the LTD, which is the first vehicle ever sold by the dealership."

It is ironic that Waveland's Henderson Street dead-ends into the back center of the dealership's property.

Henderson said he is going to name the boulevard entrance Henderson Boulevard, thus having a Henderson in the front and one in the back.

The mushroom-shaped grounds even contain a rainwater retention pond for runoff. Areas of shrubs and green are blended in grounds.

The concrete for the drive into the dealership, customer and vehicle parking areas contains fiber glass. Henderson said. The fiber glass strengthens the concrete and helps keep it from cracking.

Henderson said he already has his eye on a Bay St. Louis resident to be his groundskeeper. "We have not come to terms yet, but I want my dealer-

ship to be a showcase for Waveland-Bay St. Louis and well kept grounds are very important to me."

The new facility will be completely air conditioned, this includes the shop which will have 19 bays (work stations).

Henderson said you have to go a long way to find a shop where the mechanics work that is air conditioned and heated.

The building will have four restrooms, two customer waiting rooms. One of them will be for smoking and the other non-smoking.

A room in the new dealership will be used for the Ford Star System which provides in-house training for certified mechanics and salesmen. Ford Star is an interactive television system.

Henderson Ford currently has a staff of 38, and this number should be added to with the move into the much larger and more modern facility, Henderson said.

Over his 26-plus years as a Ford dealer, Henderson said he has had his good times and a few bad times, just as the auto industry suffered during the period.

Charlie Henderson, a native of Clarksdale, Miss., is not new to the car business as his grandfather on his mother's side of

the family owned a Buick dealership for 50 years.

Following in Charlie Henderson's footsteps is his son, Joe Henderson, who joined the dealership three years ago and is vice-president of the company. Charlie's wife, Diane Burns Henderson is secretary of Henderson Ford, Inc.

Alongside Charlie's 25th year Dealership Award from Ford Motor Company will be displayed his grandfather's Buick 50th year Silver Plaque, a proud Henderson boasts.

Contractor for the new Ford dealership's building is Don Henslaring, Inc.

Several years ago, Charlie, an avid fisherman became involved in boat sales as a sideline.

He is the dealer for World Class Catamarans, Mercury Marine, Honda Marine, Hussey Catamarans, Seagull Catamarans and Naudico Catamarans.

Henderson said he will move his boat and motor sales into the old dealership buildings after some remodeling.

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# SPORTS

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## District 7AAAAA honors list includes Rocks, Hawks & Tigers

BY B. R. HAWKINS

Tom Brenan, Willie Golden, Stephen Peterman and Roger Ridgeway, all of St. Stanislaus were each dubbed with District 7AAAAA honors Wednesday for their 1998 season play. Players from St. Stanislaus, Hancock High School and Bay High School were also named to All Division Teams.

Senior Tom Brenan was named Most Outstanding Defensive Lineman. Willie Golden, a 6'0" junior, was named Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman. Six foot five inch tall junior Stephen Peterman was selected a co-recipient for the Most Outstanding Offensive Receiver. He tied with Jason Bennett of Pearl River Central

for the honor. Roger Ridgeway was dubbed the Most Outstanding Punter.

Rock-A-Chaws named to the All District Team included Cameron Bryd, Jason Santiago, Kris Cannon, Michael Duro, Steven Knight, and Joe Carambato. Honorable mentions included, D'Mitri Sofianos, Hunter Dawkins, Neil Favre.

Brandon Lewis, David Bryne, and Garret Garcia. Hancock High School's All District players included, Desmond Smith, Chris Goff, and Mark Hall. Honorable mentions were Stoney Dossett, Trellony Mayfield, David Seal, Josh Ladner, Chris Payne, Gary Catalano, Andrew Hunt, and Vincent Hunt.

Tony Bennett and Bert Hopgood representing the Bay High

School Tigers were both included on the All District Team. Bay High Honorable Mention players were Rendell Haynes, Steven Boudro, Thomas Beebe, Ty Barrett, Derl Lang, and Jason McKay.

### Soccer Round-up

#### Tigers win over Hancock; OLA remains undefeated

Hancock Boys, 3—Harrison Central, 10

Billy Baumgartner and Chase Sackett scored the only points for Hancock High School in their game against Harrison Central. Baumgartner scored two goals and Sackett one as the only offensive effort against Harrison Central onslaught of scoring.

Hancock Girls, 0—Harrison Central, 5

The Lady Hawks fell five to zip in play against Harrison Central at home. Hancock is 1 and six on the season.

Our Lady Academy, 3—Resurrection, 1

Still undefeated for the season OLA rolled pass Resurrection. Ashley Chrisman scored twice and Leslie Escher contributed the third point.

Hancock Girls, 0—Long Beach 2

Tosha Rogers, Stacy Weaver, Mandy Hall and Sara Czenstochovsky each put on a good defensive game, according to Coach Brennan. Comprett said the Lady Hawks losing effort against Long Beach. Comprett said goalie Renata Polatti can be credited for an excellent performance in keeping the Lady Bearcats to two goals.

Hancock Boys, 0—Long Beach, 7

Les Sackett, Eddie Moe and Jerry Carco played well against a strong offensive attack by the Long Beach Bearcats. Hancock is 0 and 6 with one tie on the season.

Bay High Girls, 5—Hancock, 1

The Bay High Lady Hawks left the field with a 5 to 1 win over Hancock High School Friday night. Lady Hawks Alicia Barker scored the only Hancock goal with an assist from Jazmin Gargoun. "Tosha Rogers and Sara Czenstochovsky both contributed excellent games," said Hawk Coach Brennan. Comprett.

Bay High Boys, 6—Hancock, 1

Billy Baumgartner scored the lone goal for the Hawks in their loss to Bay High Friday. "Chase Sackett, Trevor Under and Chris White, all put in solid games for the Hawks," said Coach Brennan. Comprett.

Basketball Wrap-up

#### Lady Hawks beat Petal; Rocks take d'Iberville

Hancock Boys, 58—Oak Grove, 69

Marty Homer hit for 13 points and Ryan Strief hit for 11 in the Hawks battle on the road against Oak Grove Tuesday.

Pass Christian Girls, 46—Resurrection, 27

The Lady Pirates have gained ground on posting a winning record in their 46-27 win over Resurrection. Laurae Kynard hit for 16 points from the floor and offered up six assists. Stacy Bradley contributed 10 points to the victory.

Pass Christian Boys, 70—Resurrection, 47

The Pirates are 7 and 4 on the season with their win over Resurrection Thursday. Jeremy Martin hit for 20 points including two 3-pointers. Tony Dewitt score 12 points and had seven assists. Carl Bowser scored nine points and stole the ball three times. Rashad Bowser hit for six.

St. Stanislaus, 70—d'Iberville, 43

The Rocks moved into the finals of their own invitational tournament with their win over d'Iberville. St. Stanislaus' Zeke Davis, Junior Davis, Paul Favre, and Ben Ladner all scored in double figures. SSC is 10 and 2 on the season.

Hancock Girls, 64—Petal, 35

Mindy Ladner and Jessica Pucheu both hit for 17 points in the Lady Hawks win over Petal. Ladner grabbed 12 rebounds. Pucheu had 14 rebounds, nine steals and 11 of those classic assists. Jaynell Ladner contributed nine points and Terri Moore 6 with Brandi Ladner scoring five, and Sheena Hoffman, Christy Hoffman, Vicki Ladner and Candace Hyatt all putting in their two points to account for the 64-35 win. Hancock is 10 and 3 on the season and 4 and 0 in district play.

St. Stanislaus, 60—Oak Grove, 58

Paul Favre led among scorers with 16 points for the Rocks. Brandon Arcement hit for 11 and Grady Willis eight in the victory over Oak Grove Friday night. The Rocks are 11 and 2 on the season.

### Conservation Corner

#### Be careful in tree stands

By James L. Cummins Jr.

In recent years, hunters have been either seriously injured or killed due to falls while deer hunting from tree stands. A recent study conducted by the U.S. Center for Disease Control found that 52 percent of hunting injuries occurred when hunters fell from stands; 42 percent of those injuries occurred while hunters where climbing.

These injuries would be prevented if hunters used safety belts and climbing harnesses, and followed manufacturers' instructions.

Many hunters are beginning to recognize the importance of wearing a safety harness while on the stand, but few realize the importance of using a safety device when they are most likely to fall: while climbing.

Each style of stand has its own unique features that gives each advantages, while at the same time making them potentially dangerous.

Ladder stands are often considered the safest, but can cause falls if placed on soft ground causing a sudden shift.

Climbing stands can sometimes slip, something that doesn't normally happen with hand-on stands.

However, with hand-on stands, hunters run the risk of falling due to slipping while climbing or installing it. With permanent stands, any number of slips, missteps, or structural failures due to exposure to the elements can cause a fall.

Stands manufactured during the 1970's and early 1980's do not measure up to today's standards. Today's stand features practical designs and new technology that make them much safer.

Certain combinations of stands, trees and weather conditions can increase the hunter's risk of fall. Combine slick bark with rain, sleet, high winds, slippery mud-packed

boots, and a poorly designed stand, or rely on a permanent stand that you have never hunted from or one that has been out in the elements for a year or two, and you are asking for trouble.

The conditions of the tree from which the stand is hung also makes a difference (age of tree, slickness of bark, etc.).

Human factors such as a hunter's height, weight, reach, agility, coordination and balance, strength and mental alertness must be considered.

Hunters must evaluate these factors and hunt stands and situations that are best suited to them.

How is the time to begin shopping for your new stand. You have the leisure to read all the specifications and compare weights and designs.

You'll be a lot happier with whatever stand you choose if you take some time to consider how you like to hunt, how far you walk, how much you're willing to carry, whether you can leave the stand in place for days

at a time, how easy a particular model is to mount, and how high you like to be above the ground.

Here are several do's and don'ts of tree stands. Use a safety harness and a climbing strap. Never climb a tree with your bow or gun.

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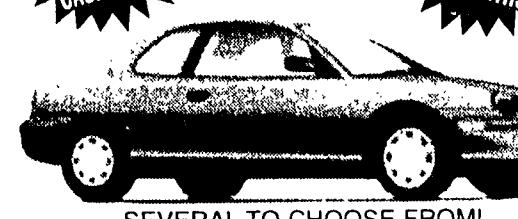


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## Ensemble

Members of the Bay High School Christmas Celebration Ensemble play for Dunbar Village residents

## Band ensemble entertains

It isn't often that you can convince a teenager to stay after school to do extra work. But, 14 Bay High School band students did just that as they had extra rehearsals to be a part of the Bay High School Christmas Celebration Ensemble.

"We started this last year," said Catchie Crider, director of bands at Bay High, "and it was such a success, we did it again this year."

In addition to being featured at the Bay High Christmas concert this past Tuesday, the students have gone to three nurs-

ing homes in the area to perform.

Residents of Miramar Lodge Nursing Home in Pass Christian, Dunbar Village and Reed Nursing Home in Bay St. Louis were all treated to the sounds of Christmas music.

Following their performances, the Celebration Ensemble was hosted for dinner by Sicily's Pizza in Bay St. Louis.

When asked why she gave up her time to perform at the nursing homes, junior Amber Burgess replied, "Because it's Christmas. I used to volunteer to play bingo at a nursing home,

and I know how much the residents appreciate our visiting."

The Bay High School Christmas Celebration Ensemble is under the direction of Catchie Crider.

Members include Rebecca Cox, Natalie Fields and Jamie Hart on clarinet; Jenny Brack on contra bass clarinet; Amber Burgess and Steven Johnson on alto saxophone; Kevin Bosch and Kurt Graves on tenor saxophone; Andrew Baldree and Dusty Bankston on trumpet; Meaghan Lloyd and Jennifer Scafidi on trombone; Crystal Stieffel on percussion and Brandi Travis on bells.

## Hancock North Central gets hands dirty at Discovery Center

The Organic Garden at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport has captured the interest of visiting school children who can't wait to get their hands dirty.

The garden provides an excellent outdoor learning environment during daily pro-

grammed activities. On Nov. 17, Liz Cox, soil technician, acted as a resource person for a program entitled "Edibles."

The garden became her classroom as she introduced first and second grade students from Hancock North Central to various vegetables, fruits and nuts.

Cox also led the students in a relay game based upon leaf identification. Local agencies such as the Soil and Water Conservation Program have helped

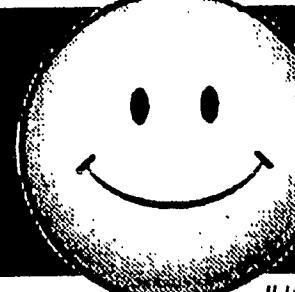
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## Community Education announces new corporate sponsor program

Hancock County's adult Community Education Program has initiated a new partnership with local businesses and industry.

"Linkage between City County Community Education and local businesses translates into numerous benefits to economic development," says Dr. Gaynell Roberts, executive director.

Business benefits because community education improves basic skills and expands the education level of the local workforce through professional development, customized job training and technology instruction (i.e., computer courses).

Community education also enhances potential earning power of the participants, which translates into increased spending for local commerce.

New sponsors already joining the Corporate Program are GE Plastics, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis and Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau.

Roberts said, "Business partners will play an active and important role in adult education in Hancock County."

Corporate partners will be recognized in each session brochure, which is direct-mailed to 23,000-plus residences throughout Hancock County.

"In addition to community service recognition, business partners will be invited to participate in the planning and development of courses and educational services offered by the City-County Community Education Program," says Dr. Roberts.

Businesses interested in becoming a corporate sponsor may contact Dr. Roberts at 228-467-3892. Also, employers interested in financing their employees' continuing education through Community Education can arrange for payment by company check or purchase

order. Certificates of Completion are provided to all participants who successfully complete a course. The certificate or additional verification can be provided to those companies that offer continuing education reimbursement to their employees.

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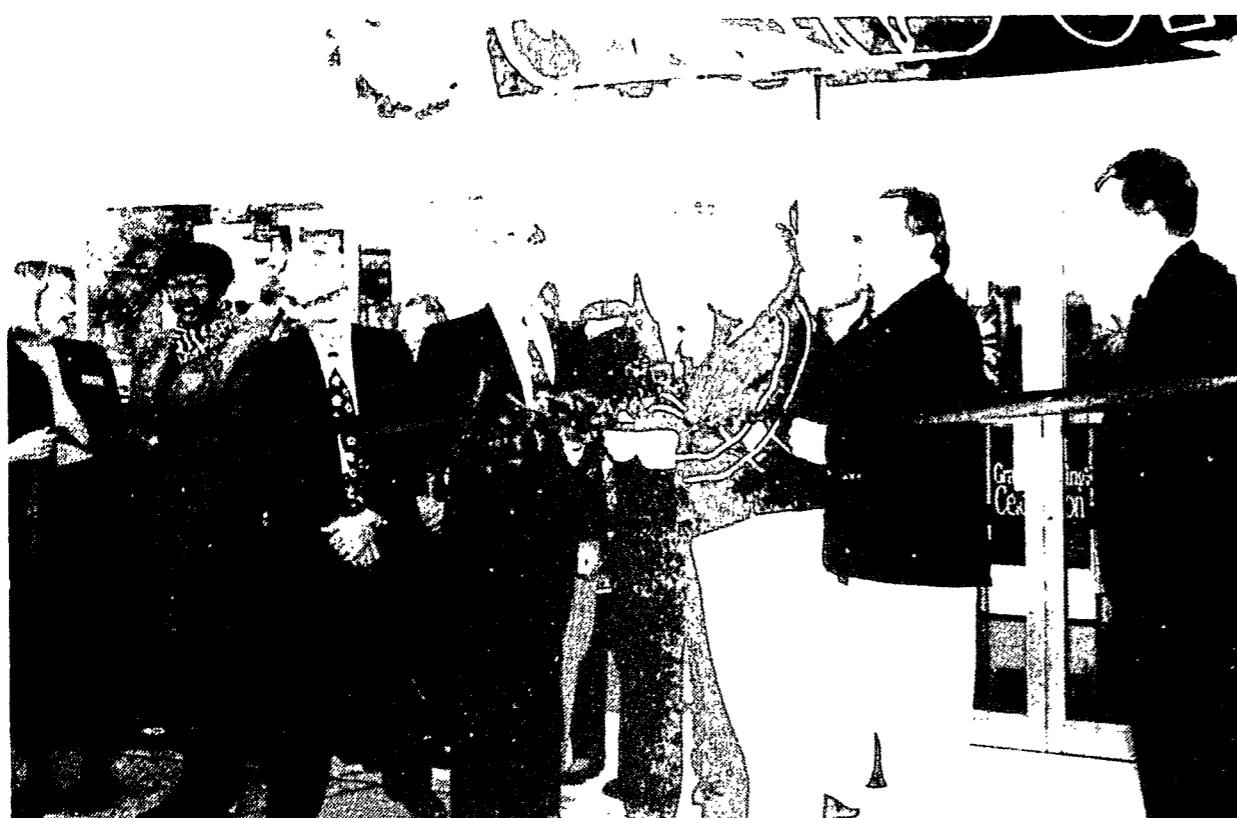
Football Board registration begins at 4 p.m. and Buddy "D" will be there from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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## Goodwill expands

Goodwill Industries doubled the size of its retail operation with the grand opening of its newly renovated facilities in the Bay St. Louis Mall at the intersection of Hwy. 90 and Dunbar Street Wednesday, Dec. 9. Executive Director LeRoy Modenbach, Rep. Gene Taylor, Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre, Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo along with other leading dignitaries and patrons cut the ribbon which launched a four-day celebration. (Echo staff photo by B. R. Hawkins)



## Grand opening

Curves, a health/fitness center for women located on Blue Meadow Road in the Winn-Dixie Shopping Center, Bay St. Louis, held its grand opening Thursday. Participating in the event are Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Amy Gregory, left, Curves owners Kristen and Tim Hughes, Curves managers Sandra Smith and Leigh Ann Stewart, and Bay St. Louis Municipal Clerk Bobby Parker. (Sea Coast Echo staff photo by Besty Gagnet)



## Opening celebrated

Harrison Finance Company, 845 A Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis, celebrated the grand opening of its Hancock County branch Tuesday, Dec. 8. Included in the ribbon cutting ceremonies were company branch manager Joey Temples, Claude Blankenship, Lee Ann Whiddon, Sandy LaFontaine, Liz Shaw, Kelly Kowalski, Jay Keigley, Joyce Lee, Paul D. Guichet, Jeanne Thornhill, Karen Gautreau, Donna Marx, Dan Norris, H. G. Dean and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Amy Gregory. (Echo staff photo by B. R. Hawkins)

## Casino employees aid charities

Each year Casino Magic Bay St. Louis remembers families who are less fortunate and fill food gift bags with assorted non-perishable items.

In 1996 and 1997, over 200 gift bags were delivered to area homes and agencies.

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis donated over 120 turkeys to area charities in Hancock County for Thanksgiving. Along with the turkeys, employees once again filled over 100 *Magic Bags of Plenty* with canned goods for the Salvation Army, the Hancock County Community Action Agency, St. Rose de Lima, St. Clare, and Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic churches.

Each employee receives a turkey for Thanksgiving and

has the option to donate the turkey to our food drive," said community relations manager Catherine Green-Dotson.

Toy donations are to be collected for the monthly charity slot tournament, Dec. 14, and at the annual Casino Magic employee Christmas party.

Each employee donates one unwrapped toy for the Salvation Army's Toys for Tots campaign. Even golfers at The Bridges Golf Resort entering the "Kris Kringle's Revenge" golf tournament on Christmas

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are asked to contribute to the Toys for Tots fund.

Green says that employees get a lot out of planned charitable events, donating both items and their own time to deliver gift bags and toys.

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On page 31 of the December 13 Sale circular, the Little Mermaid Video is pictured in error. The correct picture should be the Little Mermaid Cassette Player with headphones, audio cassette, and 2 books.  
We regret any inconvenience this may cause our customers.

## Phone company offers new service

You've just remembered it's your mom's birthday and you've forgotten to call. Running to the phone, you quickly dial her number, only to hear the busy signal "beep beep beep."

Your mom is prone to talk for long periods of time, but you dutifully re-dial again. And Again And Again Sounds familiar!

Now, with BellSouth Busy Connect service, residential and small business customers have an easy way to reach a party whose line is busy, putting an end to the busy signal.

The service is available in Bay St. Louis beginning this week to customers whose telephone prefix is 463, 466, 467 and 493.

BellSouth's Busy Connect service is an automated repeat dialing service that lets residential and small business customers pay 75 cents to be notified when a line is busy and connected as it becomes available.

The service is absolutely free to BellSouth Complete Choice and Repeat Dialing subscribers. These customers can press "1" to activate the service and will not be charged 75 cents.

Here's how BusyConnect works. Instead of hearing the busy signal, a caller who dials a busy number will not hear a pre-recorded message that says, "This line is busy. We will continue to try this number for you during the next 30 minutes for a charge of 75 cents. You will be notified by a special ring and automatically connected once it

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becomes available. To accept, press "1."

Callers do not have to subscribe to BusyConnect or remember special feature codes, making it an ideal service for the occasional user. It is available on an "as needed" basis.

For those who do not wish to use the service, it's simply a matter of ignoring the recording and hanging up. The service will not interfere with the redial function on a fax machine or computer modem because the calling party has to press "1" to activate the service. The service can also be blocked for free by simply calling BellSouth's customer service center.

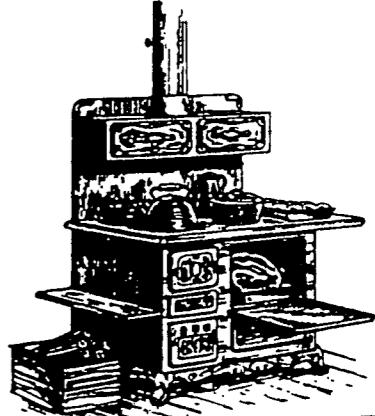
BusyConnect is now available to nearly 100,000 telephones in Mississippi. The service is expected to be activated throughout Mississippi by the end of the year.

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# BUSINESS NEWS

## Should you convert to a Roth IRA?

(Editor's note: First of a two-part series on the Roth IRA)

Most taxpayers know about the tax-advantaged Roth IRA. What many aren't so sure about is whether it makes sense to convert their existing IRA into a Roth IRA. The short answer is, it depends.

If you convert your existing IRA into a Roth IRA, you have to pay taxes now on the converted funds. On the other hand, converting to a Roth means that instead of deferring taxes on your future investment earnings, you could withdraw your money tax-free in the future. Making a wise decision requires taking a closer look at the rules for converting.

To qualify for conversion, your adjusted gross income must be less than \$100,000, whether you're single or married filing jointly. Married individuals filing separate returns aren't eligible to convert.

If you convert, you'll owe federal income taxes on the converted amount, excluding any past nondeductible contributions. If you have made any nondeductible contributions, no additional taxes are due on that money because it has



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Submitted by Craig Foster  
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already been taxed. People who convert by Dec. 31, 1998, have the option of spreading the tax liability over the next four years by including one-quarter of the converted amount in income each of the four years. After 1998, the total tax on the entire amount converted is due in the year of the conversion.

You can convert all or part of your IRA. Converting your traditional IRA to a Roth does not affect your ability to make future contributions to either type of IRA.

How will withdrawals from a Roth conversion IRA be taxed? You can withdraw money entirely tax-free after five years if you are over age 59 or disabled. You can also take out up to \$10,000 tax-

free after five years for a first-time home purchase. If you take money out before five years or before age 59, earnings will be taxable.

Withdrawals before age 59 also may be subject to an additional 10 percent penalty tax.

The Roth IRA conversion rules are specific and sometimes confusing, but you owe it to yourself to investigate your options. Look over information from your fund for answers. It's also a good idea

to consult with a financial or tax professional before attempting any IRA conversions.

There are benefits and costs associated with converting to a Roth IRA. The bottom line is this: Will you come out ahead by paying taxes now on your existing IRA funds in exchange for receiving all future earnings tax-free?

Next week, we'll focus on the factors that will help you answer that question.

## Advertising organization to hold media auction

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Advertising Federation is holding its annual media and merchandise auction Thursday, Dec. 17, 8-10:30 a.m. on the 15th floor of the Great Southern Club.

Proceeds go toward the organization's education fund, public service campaign and membership events.

Area media buyers, marketing professionals and business-

ses are invited to attend. Items for auction include print advertising, radio and television advertising, printing services and more.

Additional non-media items that may interest the public include overnight stays, rounds of golf and even an autographed Brett Favre football.

For information, call Christian Reese at (228) 466-8047.

## Booth space available for senior market expo

Reservations are being accepted for booth space for the Senior Market Expo to be held Feb. 10 in the Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center in Biloxi.

Booth space is \$150 for non-profit organizations, \$300 for business displays, and \$2,500

for presenting sponsorships. Non-profit and business displays receive a 10x10 curtained booth and presenting sponsors receive a 10x20 booth space.

Dec. 30 is the deadline for reservations. For details, call the Coast Chamber of Commerce at 228-863-2942.

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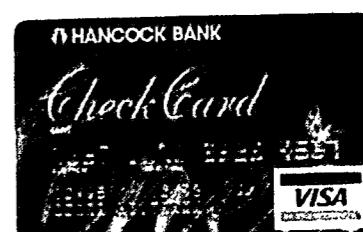
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AT & T/T	70 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	+6 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
AUTOZONE INC/AZO	30 <sup>11</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	- <sup>5</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
BELLSOUTH/BLS	88	- <sup>13</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
BOEING/BA	33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	-2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
CALGON CARBON/CCC	6 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	- <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
CHEVRON CORP/CHV	85 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	+4
COCA COLA/KO	62 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	-6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
CSX CORP/CSX	42 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	+ <sup>13</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
DUPONT/DD	52 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	-2 <sup>15</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
GENERAL ELEC/GE	89 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	-1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
GOODYEAR TIRE/GT	55 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	-1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
GRAND CASINO/GND	8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	-11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
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HANCOCK HOLDING CO/HBHC	43 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	-2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
HOLLYWOOD PARK/HPK	9 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	- <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
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LOCKHEED MARTIN/LMT	96 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	-9 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
MCDONALDS CORP/MCD	68 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	-1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
REGIONS FINANCIAL/RGGR	38 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	-1 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
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UNION PLANTERS/UPC	43 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	-4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
WAL MART STORES/WMT	76 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	+3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
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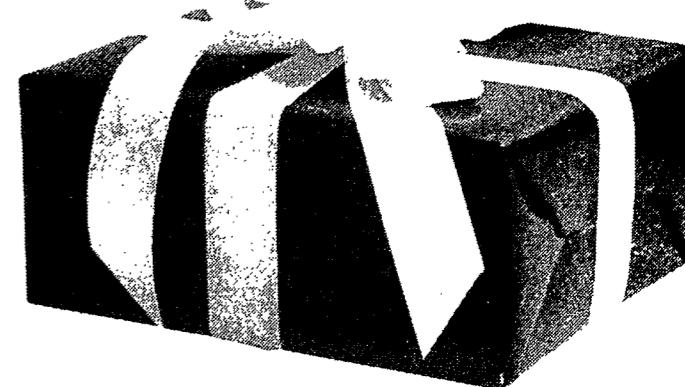
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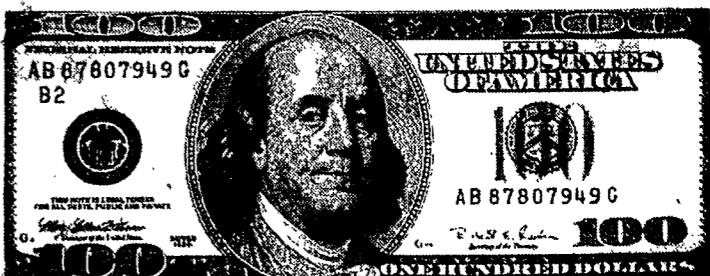
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# COMMUNITY

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## Gulf Coast Mental Health

# Community mental health service assists people through difficult times

By JILL HAWKINS

The holiday season can pack a lot of all the traditional stress of spending and rushing and trying to please. Often the only remedy is acceptance to give serious thought to mental health.

"It is at the holiday season that we rush around mostly," said Nancy Howard, Coordinator of Gulf Coast Mental Health, Hancock County Services. "We may or may not be around our relatives. Just the increased stress of spending more money, being rushed, trying to please others. I think we are supposed to do during the holidays can be overwhelming."

But according to Howard, mental health is often blamed for mental health and emotional stress, something that should be treated year round.

"People are confronted with the reality of the prospects of growth, change and stresses. For many people this confrontation is beset with difficulties," Howard said.

Gulf Coast Mental Health Center provides sound professional services that can be of value—not just at Christmas.

The satellite office, located on Hwy. 90 in Waveland across from Hancock Bank is a full-service community mental health center that provides a full range of mental health and mental retardation services.

"The Hancock satellite has grown tremendously in recent years," Howard said. "We have over 2,000 cases that are at some level of care. Our staff, such as Christina Palazzo, our day-treatment coordinator and therapist, provide services that are found to be some of the most extensive mental health care facilities around."

The funding plan for the center provides that a small portion be paid by the state and that the majority of funding come from the counties supporting the programs. "Like all agencies, we look to the county to increase their portion of the budget to meet the ever increasing needs of the community."

However, the extent of the services, Howard said, that are provided by the center are astounding when you line them all up and take a comprehensive look at them.

The center provides:

### ADULT OUTPATIENT SERVICES

In outpatient care, the aim is to provide the professional services most suitable for the individual and to do so as quickly as possible.

Any adult in the community experiencing psychological stress may schedule an appointment for a personal intake interview.

At the intake interview, a social-medical history is taken. A psychiatric, psychological, or educational evaluation may be arranged if needed to develop a plan of treatment. The therapist and client together agree on the type of therapy or counseling to be provided.

### CHILDREN/ADOLESCENT SERVICES

Recognizing that the overall adjustment for children involves the family, the school, and peer relationships, the Center has a specially trained, multidisciplinary staff to provide a full range of services for children with adjustment, behavioral, and learning problems. Specialized services are also available for children and the families of children who are victims of sexual abuse.

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Community Support Services provide a multi-level treatment program for people with serious psychiatric disorders.

The Aftercare Follow-up Program helps those who have been discharged from private and state psychiatric facilities enroll in the right treatment program at Gulf Coast Mental Health Center.

The Case Management Program provides more extensive assistance to discharge hospital patients through the assignment of a case manager to be help with a range of community adjustment problems.

Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Partial Hospitalization are available to those patients who need less intensive care than hospitalization but more structure and support than outpatient therapy normally affords.

Residential Care is available to adults with serious psychiatric disorders who are without family and have no home of their own in which to live. This program also provides emergency accommodations for men and women in need of temporary supervision.

Education is another component of the Community Support Program. Both patients and their families are afforded the opportunity to increase their understanding of mental illness and, at the same time, to develop skills that will ease the patient's transition back into the community.

### INPATIENT SERVICES

Short-term, acute-care psychiatric hospitalization is available through affiliation agreements with local community hospitals. Cooperative arrangements with state facilities make longer term treatment available for patients unable to afford private care.

### CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES

Professional staff are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist in crisis situations. The number to call is 863-1132. Between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, a professional staff member at the Center can see a person in need of immediate help.

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

Trained substance abuse professionals provide clinical treatment for alcohol and drug problems through three program components: outpatient therapy, offering both individual and group treatment; intensive chemical dependency therapy, which includes a four-week residential treatment program followed by 23 months



**NANCY HOWARD**  
Coordinator of Hancock  
County Services



**VICKI REVELL-SMITH**  
Children's Therapist



**JOAN MERRILL**  
Adult/Children's Therapist

Nancy has served as coordinator for Hancock County Services for the past four years. She has over 21 years of experience with Gulf Coast Mental Health in the capacity of adult therapist, crisis counselor and partial hospitalization coordinator. She holds a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi and is Licensed Professional Counselor.

Vicki has worked with Gulf Coast Mental Health Centers for six years and holds a Master's Degree in Counseling from the University of South Alabama. She is a Licensed Social Worker and will soon complete requirements for her professional licenses in counseling.

Joan has been with Gulf Coast Mental Health for the past five years. She holds a Master's Degree in Counseling from the University of New Orleans. Prior to joining the Gulf Coast staff, she was coordinator and therapist for the adult program at Charter Hospital in Georgia. She is a licensed social worker.

of continuing outpatient care; and for multiple-DUI offenders, a six-month, State-certified program, consisting of assessment followed by therapy.

The Substance Abuse Program combines the AA/NA model with psychotherapeutic techniques.

### DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES

Child Development Services offer individualized training for developmentally delayed infants and toddlers along with education and counseling for their parents.

Work Activity Centers give handicapped adults the opportunity to learn to be productive workers and to develop the social skills that allow them to be participating members of the community. These programs operate in Gulfport and in Port Bienville.

Case Management helps developmentally disabled persons of all ages gain access to a coordinated array of needed services.

### CONSULTATION-EDUCATION SERVICES

In an effort to educate the public about mental health-mental retardation problems and to acquaint them with available services, representatives of Gulf Coast Mental Health Center work with the media, speak to civic and community organizations, and present workshops on a variety of topics.

### REQUEST FOR SERVICES

Any resident of Hancock, Harrison, Pearl River, or Stone County may call 863-1132 to request Center services. Request can also be made by mail or in person. An admissions assistant will obtain some basic information and schedule the first appointment.

For the convenience of those living in Harrison County, appointments can usually be made in an office near them. In addition to the main location at 1600 Broad Avenue in Gulfport, the Center operates satellite offices in Biloxi, Bay St. Louis, Picayune, and Wiggins.

### FEES

The fee for services is set at the time of the first appointment and usually is established according to a sliding scale that considers family size and income. For some specialized program activities, there is a standard rate not affected by sliding fee scale.

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LUNCH

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Thursday — Ms. Claus Turkey and Dressing, Wisemen Carrots, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, North Pole Fruit Cup, Hot Roll, Ru

dolph Cherry Tart  
Friday — Chicken Gumbo with Rice, Corn Dog, Potato Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Fresh Apple, Frozen Juice Bar, Fruit Cocktail, Crackers, Peanut Butter Bar

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Mustard/Mayo/Ketchup  
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## LUNCH

Monday — Beefaroni, Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Seasoned Green Beans, Carrot Sticks with Dip, Tossed Salad, Fruit Juice, Orange Wedges, Peach Slices, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Fruit Cobbler  
Tuesday — Hamburger, Red Beans and Rice with Sausage, French Fries, Confetti Coleslaw, Raw Veggies with Dip, Applesauce, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Crackers

Wednesday — Macaroni and Cheese with Ham, Turkey Sub, Baked Beans, Peas and Carrots, Tossed Salad, Fruit-Juice Peaches, Apples, French Bread, Crackers, Chewy Fudge Brownies  
Thursday — Pork Jambalaya, Chili and Sandwich Combo, Seasoned Potato Cuts, Broccoli with Cheese Sauce, Glazed Carrots, Fruit Cocktail, Frozen Juice Bar, Pineapple Tidbits, Yeast Rolls, Crackers  
Friday — Sloppy Joe, Pizza, French Fries, Southern Greens, Confetti Coleslaw, Apple and Orange Wedges, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Crackers, Spiced Applesauce, Cake

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Tuesday — Flapsticks, Applesauce

Wednesday — Breakfast Pizza, Juice

Thursday — Egg and Biscuit, Juice

Friday — Breakfast Pizza

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## BIRTHS

## CORBIN JAMES BLANCHARD

Mr. and Mrs. David A. Blanchard of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, Corbin James, November 30, 1998 at 7:56 a.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

Mrs. Blanchard is the former Melissa McDonald.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James C. McDonald of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald K. Blanchard of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Mrs. Lorraine Beckman of Shakopee, Minn. and Mr. Donald Blanchard of Madelia, Minn.

Corbin is welcomed by his sister, Kristin.

## ARIANA CELINE LABAT

Mr. and Mrs. Eric M. Labat of Diamondhead announce the birth of their second child, Ariana Celine, November 26, 1998, at 8:58 p.m. at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

Mrs. Labat is the former Katrina Renae Lane.

Maternal grandparents are Lillie W. Lane of Lexington Park, Md. and Anthony R. Lane of Brunswick, Ga.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Labat of Bay St. Louis.

Maternal great-grandparents include the late Mr. and Mrs. James Wright Sr., the late Lawyer Lane and the late Minnie Lucas.

Paternal great-grandparents are Hattie B. Johnson of Pass Christian and the late Henry Johnson Sr. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Labat Jr.

Ariana Celine is welcomed by her sister, Arielle Nicole.

## CAROLYN RENEE' STANFORD

Mr. and Mrs. Brion H. Stanford of Waveland, announce the birth of daughter, Carolyn Renee', September 21, 1998 at Slidell Memorial Hospital.

She weighed 9 pounds.

Mrs. Stanford is the former Deborah Jeanne Hollenbach.

Carolyn is welcomed by her sister, Kristen.

## BROOKE RENE' BOURGEOIS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bourgeois Jr. of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a daughter, Brooke Rene', December 7, 1998 at 8:15 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

Mrs. Bourgeois is the former Lisa Travirca.

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## TOPS WAVELAND 233

TOPS MS 233 met Dec. 7 at the Waveland Public Library with 18 members present. Best loser of the week was Judy with 6 pounds. Ruth was the best KOPS loser. There was a net loss of 9.5 pounds. A charm was presented to Sarah for losing six weeks in a row. The incentive award was won by Jeanette, and the gift was won by Ruth. The club entered a tree at the library. It placed second. The program on eight ways to survive the holidays was presented by Karen N.

TOPS MS 233 meets every Tuesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 5:545 p.m. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

## Diamondhead Women's Club

The Diamondhead Women's Club luncheon and fashion show was Dec. 2 at Robert's Wine & Spirits Restaurant.

President Lee Fredian greeted club members. She said the luncheon will help raise funds for Hope Haven, one of the club's favorite charities.

June Murphy read the November minutes, and Gert Waddington presented the treasury report. Marilyn Cuccia, in charge of the club's Christmas light display, praised the POA workmen for doing an excellent job.

Sue Munn, Christmas for Children chairman, called attention to the small mountain of gaily-wrapped gifts stacked in the doorway, destined for needy children.

Winner of the "Split the Pot with Charity" drawing was Pat Long. A door prize was presented by Jan Duncan, owner of the Seventh Heaven Shop. Shirley Blanchflower was the winner.

Fredian urged all to attend the Merchants Fair at the Rama Inn.

After the luncheon, fashions were presented by LL Ltd., Just Judy's, and The Image Co. Boutique. Shirley Blanchflower was narrator.

Models included Brierley Acker, Gretchen Bourgeois, Rochelle Buchanan, Jane Carns, Betty Claggett, Ruth Klockow, Nancy Creason, Lee Fredian, Lila Kogon, Pat Morgan, Jacqueline Rosenhauer and Pat Stafford.

The next meeting will be the first Wednesday of January, when a travel agent from Al Garce's Travel Affiliates will talk about "Vacations on Land and Sea."

## Senior Citizens of Waveland

The Waveland Senior Citizens will meet Monday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 77 on Coleman Avenue.

This will be the club's officer installation and Christmas party.

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Maternal grandparents are Rose Ann and Clayton Thompson of Waveland and Jimmy Travirca Sr. of Kiln.  
Paternal grandparents are Joe Bourgeois of Waveland and Janice and David Mixon of Lakeshore.  
Godparents are Joanna Mellish of Biloxi and John Bourgeois of Bay St. Louis.  
Brooke is welcomed by brothers Dustin and Taylor and sister Catherine.

## GABRIELLE RENEE NIX

Kristy Johnson and Bruce Nix of Kiln announce the birth of their first child, Gabrielle Renee, November 30, 1998 at 1:35 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Thomas and Barbara Johnson of Kiln.

Paternal grandparents are Jim and Rosie Nix of Dubuisson.

Medical great-great-grandmother is Rozenia Hoda.

Maternal great-grandparents are Michelle and Matherne.

Maternal grandparents are Joseph Matherne and Patsy Matherne of Waveland.

Paternal grandparents are Jude Lee and Jesse Lee of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Margaret Tomasich and Frances Matherne.

Kimberly is welcomed by her sister, Jessie.

## REBEKAH ELIZABETH JOHNSTON

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnston of Clermont Harbor announce the birth of a daughter, Rebekah Elizabeth, December 4, 1998 at 2:11 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

Mrs. Johnston is the former Deanna McCarthy.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McCarthy of Clermont Harbor.

Paternal grandparents are Cecil Johnston of Bay St. Louis and the late James "Jimmy" Johnston.

Great-grandmother is Beatrice "Dukie" Johnston of Bay St. Louis.

Rebekah is welcomed by her brother, Charlie.

## ASHLEA LYNNE MOLINA

Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Ramon Molina Jr. of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Ashlea Lynne, December 3, 1998 at 8:52 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Mrs. Molina is the former Robin Nabors.

Maternal grandparents are Ruth and Wayne Chandler of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Jorge Sr. and Ana Molina of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Mildred Hokanson and Lula Nabors.

## D'AISHA MAUDSHANDRA WILSON

Dwight and Addie Wilson announce the birth of their third child, D'Aisha Maudshandra, December 1, 1998 at 3:07 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

Mrs. Wilson is the former Addie Taylor.

Maternal grandparents are Robert Lee and Barbara J. Taylor.

Paternal grandparents are Moreal A. and Deloris L. Wilson.

Great-grandparents are the Rev. Joseph Bailey and the late Hazel Bailey.

D'Aisha Maudshandra is welcomed by Jeffery Brown Jr. and Adriean Wilson.

## CHELSIE ELIZA JANE CLARK

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Clark of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their fourth child, Chelsie Eliza Jane, November 30, 1998 at 8:38 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

Mrs. Clark is the former Angelia Bourgeois.

Maternal grandparents are Andrew Ray Bourgeois Jr. of Bay St. Louis and Betty Jane Criddle of Waveland.

Paternal grandparents are the Rev. Charles and Sylvia Clark of Kiln.

Great-grandmother is the late Eva Clark.

Chelsie is welcomed by sisters Chantel and Ceige and her brother, Cegan.

## Children's story hour to take holiday break

There will be no children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library or Kiln Library during the Christmas holidays. Story hours will resume Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the Bay Library and on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 10:30 a.m. at the Kiln Library.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. The Kiln Library hosts a story hour every other Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

a.m.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school-age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For information, contact David Woodburn, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Public Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Library, 255-1724.

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## COURT NEWS

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Municipal Court

## COURT DATE DEC. 2

DeGraucous, Jason, telephone harassment, dismissed

Smith, Vincent, telephone profane indecent language, dismissed

Bell, Gretchen D., contempt of court, dismissed

Celestin, Charles E., simple assault domestic, dismissed, simple assault by threat, fined \$249, simple assault, domestic, dismissed

Dinkins, Arthur, simple assault domestic, passed to the files

Duvall, Blondine W., speeding, failed to appear

Favre, Cynthia E., simple assault domestic, passed to the files

Gates, David M., simple assault domestic, passed to the files

Gillan, Jacques E., reckless driving-careless, license tag expired, none, improper, not guilty

Goff, Wayne E., speeding, dismissed, possession of controlled substance, reduced to disorderly conduct, fined \$400

Johnson, Robert, simple assault domestic, dismissed

Ladner, Lester, contempt of court, failed to appear

Lundy, Randy L., running a stop sign, reckless driving, dismissed

Matulach, Matt, violation of City Building Codes/Ordinance, passed to the files

McCreary, Cheri L., simple assault domestic, dismissed

McDowell, Gabriel, contempt of court, failed to appear

Osborne, Collins J., contempt of court, fined \$149

Smith, Vincent, disorderly conduct, dismissed

Williams, Marquis S., contempt of court, 30 days jail suspended

Wooten, Kenneth W., simple assault domestic, reduced to malicious mischief, 30 days jail suspended

Alexis, Anthony H., driver license, suspended, fined \$29.50

Altse, Vincent R., license tag expired, none, improper

Bass, Benjamin, running a stop sign, fined \$59.50; seatbelt violation, fined \$25; driver license, none, expired, improper, fined \$58.50

Brown, Jeffrey M., driver license, suspended, failed to appear

Cornell, Wayne A., simple assault domestic, 10 days jail suspended

Gipson, James, license tag expired, none, improper, driver license, none, expired, improper, seatbelt violation, failed to appear

Grubbs, Jim H., reckless driving, careless, fined \$54.50, Hamilton, Melissa A., failure to yield right of way

Hammond, Cynthia R., license tag expired, none, improper, failed to appear

Henry, Steve R., public drunk, time served, false information to Police Officer, dismissed

Irish, Curtis F., driver license, suspended, fined \$29.50

Johnson, Mark S., obstructing traffic, fined \$59.50

Ladner, Louis B., license tag expired, none, improper, dismissed

Lobuono, Anthony, reckless driving-careless, failed to appear

Major, Shane, disorderly conduct, public drunk, dismissed

Mitchell, Daryl D., public drunk, fined \$156

Mitchell, David D., disorderly conduct, dismissed, public drunk, two counts, fined \$156 each

Morrison, John M., license tag expired, none, improper, seatbelt violation, dismissed

Necase, Kim M., improper equipment, child restraint, dismissed

Palode, Turner M., improper equipment, fined \$51.50, possession of paraphernalia, fined \$299

Rehm, Karie S., driver license, suspended, failed to appear

Robinson, Fredrick L., running a stop sign, failed to appear

Spence, Grace T., reckless driving-careless, dismissed, driving under the influence, 1st offense, fined \$405.50

Spoon, Jason M., reckless driving-careless, dismissed, driving under the influence, 1st offense, fined \$535.50

Tillman, Cathalene A., reckless driving-careless, failed to appear

Turner, Michael S., driver license, suspended, failed to appear

Watkins, Jeffrey, public drunk, fined \$156

Whavers, Stacey D., license tag expired, none, improper, failed to appear

Yarborough, Lawrence, improper parking, dismissed, driving under the influence, 2nd offense, fined \$955.50; improper equipment, dismissed

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## Justice Court

## Docket

## JULY 1-31

Vo Son Thanh, no drivers license, fined \$37

Garriga Kenneth J., driver license, suspended, fined \$246.50, expired tag, fined \$36.50, improper equipment, fined \$33.50, expired sticker, fined \$36.50

McCaskill N.E., speeding, two counts, fined \$72 each

Thigpen Michael L., speeding, fined \$92

Bates Stephen R., speeding, fined \$127

Bedford John C., speeding, expired driver license, credit to time served

McGowan Larry F., speeding, fined \$92

Washington Darren, speeding, fined \$52

Faye Kimberly M., no sticker, fined \$37

Steele Kimberly, speeding, fined \$62

Edwards Yolanda A., expired sticker, fined \$43

Miller Ray L., speeding, fined \$62, no driver license, fined \$58

Ferrell Jacqueline M., expired sticker, fined \$43

Pingel Richard O., expired sticker, fined \$48

Gibbs Brian T., speeding, fined \$122, seatbelt violation, fined \$25

Saucier Rodney Wade, disorderly conduct, fined \$77

Thigpen Michael L., speeding, fined \$68

Thompson Robert A., speeding, fined \$68

Shadrack Gary E., expired sticker, fined \$49

Farve Bryan F., speeding, fined \$88

Ladner Con H., expired driver license, fined \$64

Henstiek Jeffrey M., expired sticker, fined \$49

Rodolich Leslie A., speeding, fined \$108

Hickey Michael O., speeding, fined \$108

McNeese Troy H., DUI 2nd offense, fined \$833; driving license suspended, fined \$395; reckless driving, dismissed

Rosser Ronald R., expired tag, fined \$93.50

Aulds Tiffany J., careless driving, fined \$68; seatbelt violation, fined \$108

Gorman Karl R., improper equipment, fined \$64

Mitchell Melvin T., reckless driving, fined \$88; driving license suspended, fined \$239

Ponder Kenneth W. Jr., driving license suspended, fined \$239

Bell Kent, no drivers license, fined \$64; no tag, fined \$93.50

Brossette Ralph J., expired tag, fined \$93.50

Morgan Diana M., speeding, fined \$128; driving license suspended, fined \$239

King Patrick, speeding, fined \$68

McArthur Tracey, speeding, fined \$68

Burns S.C., speeding, fined \$88; no sticker, fined \$49

Pendley Bridget A., speeding, fined \$88; seatbelt violation, fined \$25

Cobb Mende G., speeding, fined \$68

fined \$25

Lee Barbara D., speeding, fined \$68

Courteaux Joseph, speeding, fined \$88

Moppert Melissa A., speeding, fined \$88

White Dena, speeding, fined \$68

Kleinpetek Nic, no sticker, fined \$49, driving license suspended, fined \$239

Peters Susan Terry, speeding, fined \$68

Willett Cynthia M., speeding, fined \$88

Melton Woodrow L., speeding, fined \$108

Brannon Jeremy Stephen, speeding, fined \$108

Stafford Robert Bryan, speeding, fined \$108

James Shelton B., speeding, fined \$128

Hankins Lawson Adamson III, speeding, fined \$128

Corbell Rory Z., speeding, fined \$128

Weier Patricia A., speeding, fined \$128

Johnston Jerry G., larceny/petit, extradited to Texas

Kramer William D., driving license suspended, fined \$390

Ducre Marjorie J., no drivers license, fined \$69

Taormina Anthony S., speeding, fined \$108

Rudolph Wayne, speeding, fined \$108

Landreneau Mark D., speeding, affidavit withdrawn

Braenolin Andrea Katheria, speeding, fined \$88

Hukel Charles F., speeding, fined \$143

Moore Gerald W., speeding, fined \$128; expired drivers license, fined \$64

Jones Roy L., following too close, fined \$68; no drivers license, fined \$64

Faye Donna, no child restraint, fined \$64

Love Elton, speeding, fined \$88

Gauthreaux Tamara B., ran stop sign, fined \$68

Stephens Preston R., speeding, fined \$68; seatbelt violation, fined \$25

Burns S.C., speeding, fined \$88; no sticker, fined \$49

Pendley Bridget A., speeding, fined \$88; seatbelt violation, fined \$25

Cobb Mende G., speeding, fined \$68

Nichols Todd, speeding, fined \$68

Albright Sandy L., speeding, fined \$68

Smith Don, speeding, fined \$68

Phillips Marie L., speeding, fined \$88

Ladner Christopher, no drivers license, fined \$64

Mollohan Steven, careless driving, fined \$68; seatbelt violation, fined \$25

Tisdale Misty D., speeding, fined \$108

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Stafford Robert Bryan, speeding, fined \$108

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## WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS

## Jackson-Busby



Stacy Jackson and Johnny Busby II

Stacy Ann Jackson, daughter of Mrs. Ann Jackson of Waveland and the late Mr. David Jackson, has become engaged to Johnny Edward Busby II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Busby of the Vernal community near Lucedale, Miss.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Forest High School in Forest, Miss. and Jones County Junior College in Ellisville. She received a bachelor's degree in polymer science from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. She is employed at Ciba Specialty Chemicals in the Performance Polymer Division as a production engineer.

She has served as president of the USM Alumni Association for the Mobile, Ala. chapter for two years. Presently she is serving a three-year term on the USM Board of Directors for the Alumni Association. She was the recipient of the Outstanding Service Award in 1997 and the Most Outstanding Young Alumna Award in 1998.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of the Mississippi School of Math and Science in Columbus, Miss. Presently he is pursuing his bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of South Alabama. In 1999 he will attend graduate school in computer science. He is employed at Ciba Specialty Chemicals in the Performance Polymers Division as a UNIX and network administrator for the Mobile and New York corporate headquarters. He has been founder, president for two years, and public coordinator for the South Alabama Linux Users Group.

Miss Jackson and Mr. Busby attend Dauphin Way Baptist Church where they are active in the choir and orchestra.

The couple will exchange wedding vows in a December 31 ceremony in Gatlinburg, Tenn. at Sugarland Wedding Chapel.

Following the ceremony, a reception will be held in Gatlinburg. After a honeymoon to Hawaii, the couple will reside in Mobile, Ala.

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Lopez Juan Carlos, speeding, fined \$108.  
Meeker Diane Michelle, speeding, fined \$108.  
Freeman Jonathan Scott, speeding, fined \$128.  
Faust Josiah Shane, speeding, fined \$143.  
Craig Eric P., expired sticker, fined \$49.  
Filemon Aguirre, no drivers license, fined \$64.  
Ladner Jason K., no drivers license, fined \$64.  
Cooper Howard D., improper lane usage, fined \$68.  
Smith John E., driving license suspended, fined \$390.  
Rouse Kristy M., speeding, fined \$68.  
McGrath Benjamin A., speeding, fined \$88.  
Ken Jacqueline P., speeding, fined \$108.  
Conger Andrew R., speeding, fined \$108.  
Hipp Deelambert C., speeding, fined \$108.  
Rainey Murel Jr., speeding, fined \$108.  
Small Ronald C., speeding, fined \$108.  
Wilson Byron G., speeding, fined \$108.  
Joyner Denna M., speeding, fined \$108.  
Brennen Owen E. III, speeding, fined \$128.  
Carriere Richard D., speeding, fined \$68; no sticker, fined \$49.  
Richardson Brandi, speeding, fined \$128; driving license suspended, fined \$239.  
Miller Jody, expired sticker, fined \$49; driving license suspended, fined \$239.  
Blechner David P., speeding, fined \$88; driving license suspended, fined \$239.  
Wray Ludlow E., speeding, fined \$108; expired sticker, fined \$93.50.  
Phester Judy Lynn, no drivers license, fined \$64.  
Barber Ajamal, speeding, fined \$88.  
Johnson Frederick III, speeding, fined \$108; no drivers license, fined \$108.

## Bond-Ladner



Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bond

DesaRae Ladner of Kiln and Tony Bond of Pass Christian were united in marriage Sept. 19, 1998 in an afternoon ceremony in St. Matthew Catholic Church with Father Joseph Mercier officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Ladner of Kiln. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Danny Bond of Pass Christian.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Maid of honor was Pam Cuevas.

Bridesmaids included Jill Peterson, Renee' Caston, Erin Ladner and Kisha Hudson.

Organist was Tom Bourdin, and soloist was Tina Burgess.

Flower girl and ring bearer were Karly Cuevas and Cade Ladner, respectively.

Best man was Scott Peterson, and ushers included Anthony Cuevas, Yancy Ladner, Brian Sellier and Harry Ladner.

A reception followed the ceremony in the West Harrison Civic Center.

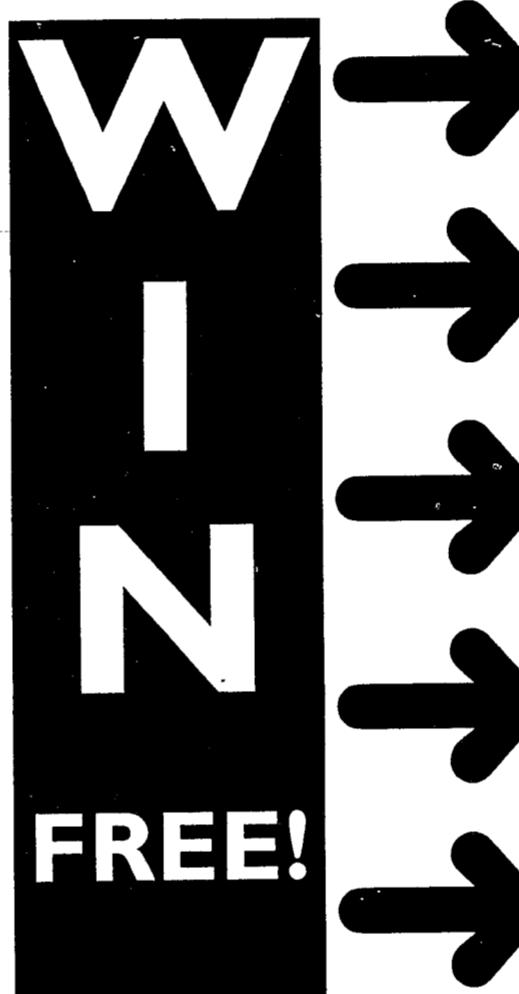
A rehearsal dinner was hosted at Rooster's.

The couple will reside in the Dedeaux community.

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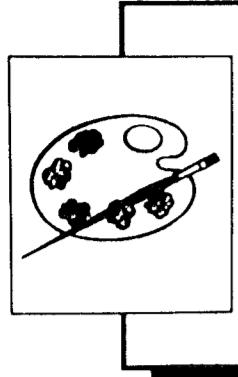
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### Hillyer House December Exhibit

The annual exhibit, sponsored by the Biloxi Art Association, opens Sunday, Dec. 13-20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Vote for your favorite painting and have a chance to win a door prize, which will be paintings members have donated.

The board of directors has elected to donate partial proceeds to The Cornerstone Foundation to aid the people of Honduras in the wake of Hurricane Mitch.

For details, call 875-6124 or

Biloxi Art Association announces annual exhibit

jewelry by Janke Nielsen of Denmark.

The collection is on display and for sale. Hillyer House is located 207 East Scenic Drive, Pass Christian, 10-5 Mon.-Sat. & 12-5 Sun. (228) 452-4810, fax (228) 452-3712.

Submissions to Artin' About should be sent to The Sea Coast Echo, P.O. Box 2009, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. Notices will be edited and published on a space-available basis.



### North Bay recycles

The Telephone Directory Recycling Program is well underway at North Bay Elementary. Students recently filled a pick-up truck with directories to take to the MSU Extension Office, which is the storage facility for Hancock County. North Bay Elementary collected a total of 1,493 directories to be the top school in Hancock County for last year's recycle drive. The goal for this year is to collect more than last year. North Bay says "thank you" to the many people who have donated directories to the school. The program ends Dec. 18. Individuals may bring their used telephone directories to North Bay or to any school to be recycled.

## Violas just as showy as cousin the Pansy

By Norman Winter  
Horticulturist  
Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center

Many gardeners, myself included, grab hold of the idea that bigger is always better, not only from the size of our flowerbeds but to the actual size of the flowers. Sometimes, however, a large number of smaller flowers make a bigger show than a few large blooms.

One flower that gets overlooked because of its diminutive size is the Viola, or Johnny Jump-up. Find these at garden centers now ready for planting just down the aisle for pansies.

You may think smaller flowers fail to create a visual impact in the garden, but you are very wrong. Viola, an old fashioned garden favorite, is the wild ancestor of the pansy and is even called wild pansy. Another common name is Heart's Ease, which originated in England where the brightly colored flowers spring up in the meadows.

Johnny Jump-ups resemble miniature pansies with small dainty faces. Although there are many color variations, most of us think the deep violet, yellow and white. Fairly new, however, is the Sorbet group with pastel flowers.

Plants will grow 6 to 8 inches tall and are prolific bloomers that may have dozens of dime-sized flowers at one time. For this reason, they deserve a place in the landscape and in containers on the patio or deck. The sheer number of flowers produced makes them every bit as showy, even from a distance, as the pansy.

Johnny Jump-ups are very cold tolerant and transplant to the garden with ease. Select a site in full sun or partial shade with organically rich soil. For a really show-stopping display, plant a large group of single-colored 24-inch tall snapdragons such as yellow Sonnets or Liberties to the back of the bed with a mass of the purple and yellow violas in front.

## SOUTHERN GARDENING

Planting large-flowered daffodils like Ice Follies or King Alfred in a bed of Majestic Giant or blue Crystal Bowl pansies makes an eye-catching display.

Equally showy is to plant the smaller flowered narcissus with Johnny Jump-ups.

The jonquillas, or those in the tazetta class with their smaller but numerous flowers, works great in combination with mass planted violas in a bed.

Before planting violas, prepare the bed. Purchase landscape soil mixes by the bag, cubic yard or truck full. When you look the price by the cubic yard, you'll see it is a small price to pay for the key ingredient that will give you the green thumb.

Most gardeners I talk to are plagued with a tight clay soil. Clay particles are the smallest of all soils. Because of their small size, they are easier to compact, keeping out not only water but also air. So whether you want to go with a landscape mix or simply work in organic

matter, your flower success starts at ground level.

By incorporating organic matter like humus, compost or peat into native soil, good things start to happen. Organic matter helps loosen the soil for better water penetration and aeration leading to good root development. Remember that soil improvement is a continual process.

Organic matter is equally important in cases of more sandy soils. Sand is made up of the largest particles allowing for quick drainage and leaching of nutrients. By adding organic matter, the water holding capacity improves and the nutrients needed by plants can be retained.

Time is running out to create beautiful beds with violas or Johnny Jump-ups, pansies, snapdragons and kale and cabbage. These plants can take our winters if we get them in the ground soon enough to get acclimated before a really cold period.

## School food employees receive certification

Four school food service employees from the Hancock County School District, Gayle Diedrich, Cynthia Ladner, Sandra Ladner and Carolyn Landry, were recently recognized for successfully completing the National Restaurant Association's ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification course entitled "Serving Safe Food."

This certification course offered up-to-date management

oriented information on food safety.

The course also addressed the issues of employee training; receiving, storing, preparing and serving food; safety regulations and standards; foodborne illness; pest control; cleaning and sanitizing; and accident prevention.

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# Stennis brings International Space Station closer to home

The Stennis Space Center Visitors Center officially kicked off its participation in the Star Station One program on Dec. 3.

The program is designed to build awareness of the International Space Station and was developed and organized by Bishop Museum of Honolulu, Hawaii, in cooperation with Space Center Houston and sponsored by The Boeing Company.

The Visitors Center will offer timely demonstrations and programs to educate and excite the public about the International Space Station.

The program started with Myron Webb, NASA public affairs officer for Stennis Space Center, officially announcing the program's debut and emphasizing Stennis' commitment to the informational and educational program.

"Stennis Space Center is delighted that our Visitors Center has been chosen as one of only 60 museums around the country to feature new educational and fun demonstrations for everyone," Webb said.

"The International Space Station promises new medicines, materials, technologies and career options to benefit everyone on Earth. The Star Station One program is important because it will allow the public, and especially our youth, a resource for information about what's happening in space."

Dave Geiger with Boeing/Rocketdyne Propulsion and Power at Stennis Space Center also gave a brief presentation on that company's contribution to the International Space Station. Boeing/Rocketdyne at Stennis tests every Space Shuttle Main Engine for NASA that helps send the Space Shuttle into orbit.

A representative from the Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans also gave a presentation on that NASA facility's role in the International Space Station. The Michoud Assembly Facility constructs the External Fuel Tank that provides the fuel for the Space Shuttle Main Engines.

To help the shuttle lift the

heavier space station payloads, Michoud designed and constructed the Super Lightweight External Tank that is five percent lighter than previous tanks.

Following the presentations, the first program in a series of live demonstration programs, "Get It Together," premiered in front of an audience of more than 280 visitors and students. This live, interactive demonstration explained to the audience and participants the challenges of getting station modules into orbit and putting them together in the weightlessness of space.

After the kickoff event, a regular series of Star Station One presentations titled "Star Station One at Two" will be conducted at 2 p.m. each Saturday.

Star Station One education programs will also be incorporated into all live presentations conducted at the Visitors Center for the more than 38,000 K-12 grade students that visit each year.

These entertaining and informative presentations will al-

low the public to have continuous, up-to-the-minute knowledge of the station.

As a partner of the Star Station One program, Stennis' Visitors Center will also be provided with 1/50th scale "build as you go" modules to replicate construction of the International Space Station as it evolves.

At the end of three years, the Visitors Center will have constructed a complete International Space Station model, including its living quarters, working space and research modules.

Stennis Space Center's Visitors Center is open 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon until 4 p.m. Sunday. It is open year-round except Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Admission is free, and regularly scheduled bus tours of the center's facilities are available.

For information, call the Stennis Space Center's Visitors Center at 1-800-237-1821 option 1 in Mississippi and Louisiana, or (228) 688-2370.



**Early present**

JROTC Cadets from Bay High Amy Propper, center, and Rocky Murphy, left, demonstrated to the third grade classes how to raise and lower the United States flag. Bay High ROTC instructor, Major Timothy Krause, explained the meaning of the flag. The ceremony concluded with the presentation of a United States flag and a Mississippi State flag to the principal, and a rendition of the Pledge of Allegiance by all of the students. Preparation for this activity included Mississippi Power providing a truck and manpower to secure the rope to the flagpole.

## Reports of shallows in Sound spark survey

The U.S. Corps of Engineers has sent a survey team to check the water depth in the Mississippi Sound after several vessels reported hitting a shallow area west of the Gulfport ship channel.

Shrimp boat operators say a recent effort to clear sand and mud from the channel after Hurricane Georges hit the Coast in September, has created a navigational hazard north of the Intercoastal Waterway.

"All of a sudden they build a hump out there. There's going to be a lot of people tearing up their boats," said Doug Cook, captain of the Gulfport pilot boat.

Cook saw a shrimp boat hit the shallow area Monday and said he's heard that two or three barges have run aground on the shoal. The barges were able to free themselves and no spills or accidents were reported.

"If you get some weak barge that hits it, it'll break it," Cook said.

Cook said the shallow area begins less than 200 yards from the center of the Intercoastal Waterway, which is a route for heavy barge traffic between New Orleans and Mobile, Ala.

The \$4.9 million dredging project will remove some 5.5 million cubic yards of material from shipping channels in the Sound and Gulf of Mexico.

The dredge company has not done anything wrong, said Wendell Mears, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers program manager for dredging on the Coast.

"Those disposal areas have been 4 to 6 feet of water for 30 some-odd years," Mears said.

## MILITARY MENTIONS

### PFC BICE

Marine Pfc. Eugene J. Bice, son of Larry D. Bice of Kiln, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Bice successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Bice joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

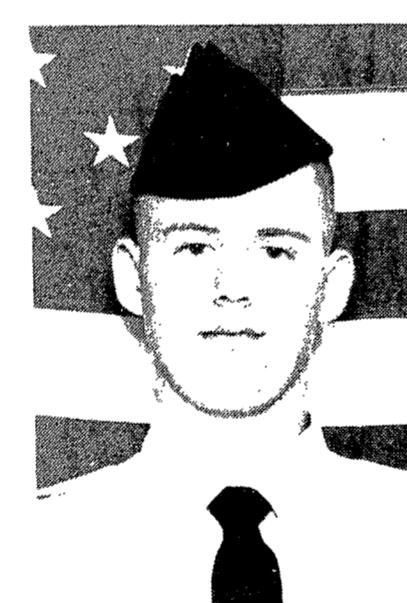
He is a 1998 graduate of Hancock High School.

### ENSIGN ARMBRESTER

Navy Ensign Robert H. Armbruster, a 1993 graduate of St. Stanislaus High School was recently designated a Naval Aviator while serving at Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Milton, Fla.

Armbruster was presented with the coveted "Wings of Gold," marking the culmination of months of flight training.

Armbruster joined the Navy in July 1993. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. with a BS degree.



AIRMAN DAHM

Air Force Reserve Airman Scott S. Dahm was graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

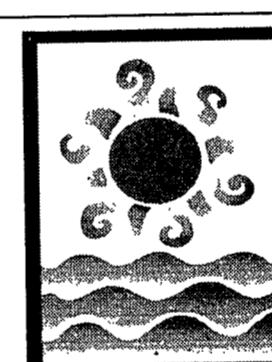
Dahm is the son of Rita M. and John C. Dahm Jr. of Waveland.

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## The "WORD" for the Week

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An angel, joined by a heavenly host, announced the fulfillment of this promise to shepherds working near Bethlehem: "I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people, for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). The child born and the Son given is Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is the Wonderful Counselor. When trouble comes in the family, in school, or at work, we need ultimate words of counsel. Jesus Christ brings the example of God in His life and the counsel of God in His teaching.

### Mississippi's Episcopal churches to do business in Hattiesburg

Hattiesburg's two Episcopal churches will co-host the 172nd annual Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi Feb. 5-7 in one of the Southeast's most dynamic and fastest growing cities.

An estimated 800 to 1,000 representatives of the more than 85 Episcopal churches statewide are expected to attend the Friday-through-Sunday annual business session.

All events will take place at the new Lake Terrace Convention Center at the intersection of Hwy. 49 and 59 in Hattiesburg.

About 50-60 exhibits by Mississippi artists and various diocesan groups will be on display.

Exhibits will showcase religious art, books, woodwork, pottery and needlework.

Events will include a reception Friday night; business sessions, speeches, committee reports and balloting on Saturday with a gala Mardi Gras dinner and ball that night; and a diocesan-wide Sunday morning Eucharist which is open to the public.

To register or for information, contact one of the church offices or clergy. At the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, call the Rev. Paul Pradat at 264-6773. At Trinity Episcopal Church, call the Revs. Joe Burnett or Dennis Ryan at 544-5551.

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### Carey faculty receives honors

Seven William Carey College faculty members have received the 1998 Who's Who Among America's Teachers recognition.

Dr. Denise Brown, academic dean and assistant professor of business; and Lynn Singletary, assistant professor of biology and director of the Coast Honors Program, are the faculty honorees from the Coast campus.

Teachers are nominated by former students and recognized for their professionalism. Approximately 130,000 teachers

from the United States and its territories were nominated in 1998.

Honorees from the Hattiesburg campus are Dr. Allison Chestnut, associate professor of language and literature; Dr. Randall Harris, assistant professor of biology; Thomas Huebner, assistant professor of communication; Julia Mansell, assistant professor of nursing; Dr. B. J. Martin, dean of arts, humanities and sciences; and Dr. Beth Richmond, professor of education.

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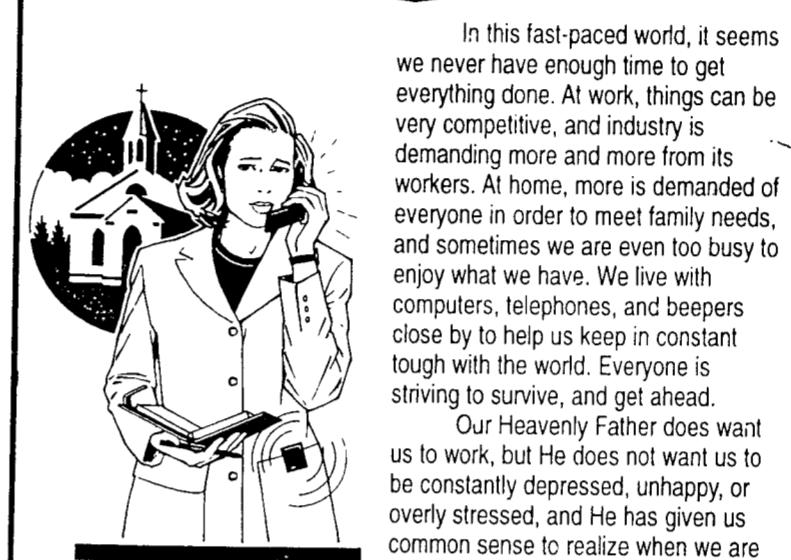
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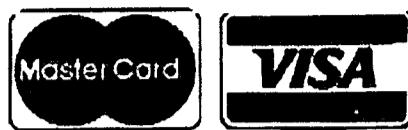
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HOUSECLEANING - 1 time or regularly scheduled. Excellent references. Call 255-8222.

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JACKIE'S WALLPAPER SERVICE: New installation, repairs, sheetrock work and some painting. 463-9314.

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## Gulfview Elementary names winners

Gulfview Elementary School held its annual science fair Dec. 7-9. Students from kindergarten through sixth grade were encouraged to participate. Judges were provided by the Naval Oceanographic Office and GE Plastics.

Projects were judged on scientific thought/engineering goals, creative ability, thoroughness, skill and clarity.

Students who placed in the local fair will participate in the Region VI Science & Engineering Fair in January.

Winners in each category in grades 4-6 include:

Zoology, Medicine & Health: Chantyle Forrest, first place.

Kevin Carver, second; Velvet Champagne, third, and Arica Ladner, honorable mention.

Behavioral & Social Sciences: Elizabeth White, first; Shauncy Farve, second; Hillary Pagano, third, and Heather Jenkins, honorable mention.

Engineering & Physics: Trey Swanson, first; Alex Toups, second; Courtney Gaudie, third, and Kate Craft, honorable mention.

Biochemistry & Chemistry: Jarred Bragg, first; Bridget Grantham, second; Brooke Raphael, third; and Erica Moran and Christina Berry, honorable mention.

Botany and Microbiology: Alycia Sellier, first; Heather Necause, second; Whitney Hudson, third; Seth Odham, Sasha Machen and Ashton Ruhr, honorable mention.

Winners in each category in grades K-3 include:

Zoology, Medicine & Health: Chantyle Forrest, first place.

Earth and Space, Math & Computers: Drew Ruhr, first; Eric Moran, second; Andrew Almond, third, and Sarah Wagner, honorable mention.

Botany and Microbiology: Michael Livingston, first, and Reagan Foucha, second.

Earth and Space, Math & Computers: Bryan Lynch, first; Rikki Barksdale, second, and Allie Ruhr, third.

Engineering & Physics: Chelsea Wahl, first; Bethany Raphael, second; Brittany Fricke, third; and Ashley Ladner, honorable mention.

Botany and Microbiology: Alycia Sellier, first; Heather Necause, second; Whitney Hudson, third; Seth Odham, Sasha Machen and Ashton Ruhr, honorable mention.

Biochemistry & Chemistry: Jessica Lofton, first; Kevin

Cure, second; Skye Brown, third; and Brittany Raphael and Brenee Ferrell, honorable mentions.

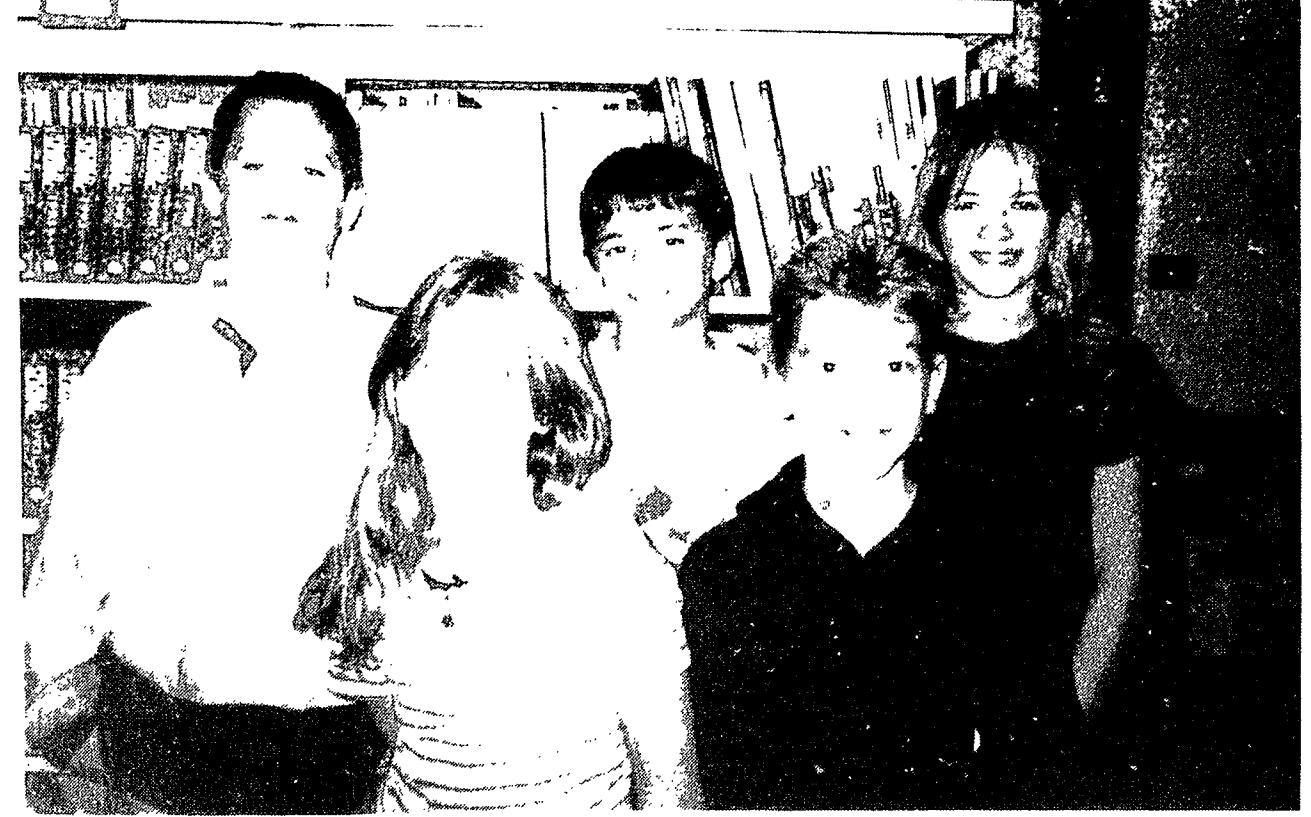
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FIRST PLACE WINNERS in grades 4 through 6 include, front row from left, Chantyle Forrest and Trey Swanson; back row, Drew Ruhr, Jarred Bragg and Elizabeth White. Not pictured is Alycia Sellier.



SECOND PLACE WINNERS in grades 4 through 6 include, front row from left, Heather Necause, Eric Moran and Shauncy Farve; back row, Bridget Grantham, Kevin Carver and Alex Toups.



FIRST PLACE WINNERS in grades K-3 include, from left, Michael Livingston, Tiffany Marquar, Chelsea Wahl, Jessica Lofton, Bryan Lynch and Nicholas Greene.



SECOND PLACE WINNERS in grades K-3 include, from left, Bethany Raphael, Rikki Barksdale, Alyssa Pagano, Reagan Foucha and Kevin Curet.

### Public Notice

#### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

HANCOCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, SOCIAL SERVICES REGIONAL DIRECTOR, AND CASSANDRA ACKER, A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HER NEXT FRIEND, ILLONA JONES, PETITIONERS

VS

TRINA NGALA BURNS, RESPONDENTS

CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS

CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. 98-0460

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Trina Ngala Burns who is a nonresident of the State of Mississippi whose last known post office address is 1617 Magnolia Street, Waveland, MS 39576.

Plaintiffs, the Respondents in this suit, filed in this Court by the Hancock County Department of Human Services by Illona Jones' Social Services Regional Director and Cassandra Acker a minor seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minor and demanding that you be placed with a foster parent and removed from your home by the Hancock County Department of Human Services.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:30 O'CLOCK A.M. ON THE 21ST DAY OF JANUARY 1999, IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, CHANCERY COURT HOUSE, AT BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court this 3 day of Dec. 1998

(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK

HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI 39520

BY: Mandi Ahlers

Deputy Clerk

J.D. Woodcock

Special Assistant Attorney General

Office of the Attorney General

P.O. Box 220

Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0220

Telephone No. 359-4249

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THE BIDDING PROCESS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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HUGE SAVINGS ON STEEL BUILDINGS. End of the year inventory. 20x24, 25x26. Great backyard shop, 2 car garages. Easy financing available. Call immediately 1-800-341-7007.

PRIMESTAR INSTALLATION \$49.00! "No dish to buy or maintain", receive over \$100 in future savings including a free month of programming. \*Rebates apply. American Rural Cable, Gulfport. 228-831-0086 or 800-832-3316.

RCADS SATELLITE RECEIVER, never used. Have all manuals, etc. \$100. 466-0331.

DISH NETWORK SATELLITE SYSTEM "FREE" Rebates and restrictions apply. Basic install \$49.00 or free self install kit. Call for details! American Rural Cable, Gulfport. 228-831-0086 or 800-832-3316.

## 84 Furniture

1899-1900 CENTURY DINING ROOM set, \$1,500 firm. 463-9718.

FOR SALE: SOFA-SLEEPER, primarily blue with mixed colors and throw pillows, like new, \$150. Call 467-9438.

OVER-STUFFED SOFA & CHAIR, Tapestry design, like new, \$650. 467-6638.

## 85 Building Materials

CERAMIC TILE: Interceramic, Summitville, DAL, KPT, Laufin, 500,000 sq.ft. in stock. Attention: Builders, Floorers, special prices, 88¢ sq.ft. to \$1.80 sq.ft. 1-800-233-6702. FLOOR STORE, Slidell, 1725 Gause Blvd. off I-10, next to Smith & Jones, Buildmart.

METAL ROOFING/SIDING - 6 colors galv. to 24ft. length. 38" wide-28 ga. galv. 99¢ ft. Colors, \$1.19 ft. V-crimp & corrug. 64¢ ft. Ridge cap, rake & corner, purlins \$1.00 ft. Roofing/Siding from \$14.90 sq. Warehouse Sales, Slidell, LA Exit 263 I-10. 800-842-6646.

## 90 Pets

AKC LABRADOR RETRIEVER PUPPIES. Working dog for duck/dove. Both parents on premises. Black/Blown, female. Call 228-255-1365 or 255-8162.

AKC REGISTERED POMERANIANS with pedigree. 8 weeks old, \$400. 467-0810.

CHRISTMAS PUPPIES!! GOLDEN LAB mix, \$10 each. 467-8085.

COLLIE MIX PUPPIES. Pick of the litter! Six weeks old. \$48.00 each. Tel/Fax 466-2767. E-mail: archdiocese@usa.net. Attn: Fr. Monty.

## 93 Yard Sale

DEADLINES FOR YARD, GARAGE SALES advertisements appearing in THURSDAY'S Editions of THE SEA COAST ECHO is 5 p.m. TUESDAYS'.

EVERYDAY IS SALE DAY AT YOUR Bay St. Louis Goodwill Store, Bay Mall Shopping Center, Dunbar & Highway 90. Mon. thru Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 467-1152.

HUGE BACK YARD SALE every Saturday & Sunday, 8am-4pm, 17190 Camilla St., Silver Creek Acres, Kiln.

## 96 Wanted To Buy

ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, TOOLS, dolls, furniture. One piece or house full. Call 467-2628 days.

QUICK CASH FOR ALMOST ANYTHING before yard sale hassel, moving or cleaning out. We buy households, furniture, antique, tools, toys, bric-brac, etc. Piece or house full. No answer leave message. 467-4857.

WE BUY (OLD) WATCHES, wrist, & pocket, rings, gold, estate pieces, musical instruments, \$ cash \$ Bayou Jewelers. 466-0425.

## 126 Campers/Motorhomes

U-PARK COVERED STORAGE FOR RV's, trailers, campers, boats at 624 Highway 90, Waveland, next to Police Department. Also available, mini-storage. Phone: 467-3935

## 130 Motorcycles

1998 HONDA SHADOW 1100, GARAGE KEPT. 300 miles, extras, must sell! 463-0269.

## 136 Automobiles

1984 ELDORADO BARRITZ CADILLAC, 60,000 miles engine, 108,000 miles body. \$3,000 cash. Call 228-467-7417 after 7:00 PM.

1989 BUICK CENTURY, \$1,000. Ask for Donna 467-2287.

81 Oldsmobile S/W, auto, am/fm, \$995. 85 F150 full-size conversion van, auto, am/fm, P/W, nice, \$1500; 86 Mazda 323 auto, am/fm, nice, \$1050; 89 Mercury Marquis, loaded, \$1,575. 467-4688.

## 136 Automobiles

89 CADILLAC SEDAN DEVILLE, 4-DR, white, leather, \$3,998. New car trade. Ask for Danny Farrell, 504-639-7576.

93 MAZDA MX6, WHITE, LEATHER, sunroof, new car trade-in, \$7,998. 0 down, \$189/mo. Ask for Danny Farrell, 504-639-7576.

95 DODGE, 2-DR, NEON, RED, AUTO, a/c, great christmas gift, \$5,998. 0 down, \$139/mo. Ask for Danny Farrell, 504-639-7576.

95 FORD ASPINE 2-DR, GREEN, Merry Christmas, a/c, cd, \$5,998. 0 down, \$119/mo. Ask for Danny Farrell, 504-639-7576.

95 FORD MUSTANG CONVT., yes it's christmas, loaded, \$10,998. 0 down, financing. Ask for Danny Farrell, 504-639-7576.

AUTO INSURANCE WITH MONTHLY PAYMENTS as low as \$24. Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-1152.

138 Trucks, Vans

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## Professional Cowboy Association rounds up family-oriented fun at Championship Finals

The Mississippi Gulf Coast will be home to Wild West action when the Professional Cowboy Association holds its Championship Finals 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7 through Saturday, Jan. 9, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi.

Following a theatrical, patriotic rodeo opening, cowboys and cowgirls will compete in bull riding, bareback riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, breakaway roping, barrel racing and team roping events. During the four-day event, rodeo participants will vie for over \$90,000 in prize money.

The Professional Cowboy Association invites one and all to be a part of America's fastest growing spectator sport — rodeo," said Preston Fowlkes, production manager of the Professional Cowboy Association Championship finals.

"People from 3 to 103 can enjoy the wide variety of action-packed events and exciting entertainment."

To round up rodeo excitement, a parade will be held 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6 in Biloxi. The parade will feature numerous chuckwagons, a horse-driven stagecoach, marching bands, rodeo competitors on horseback, and other

participants.

The parade will travel westbound down the beach from Biloxi Yacht Club, head north up Lameuse Street, turn right on the Washington Loop and disband under 1-110 on Howard Avenue in Biloxi.

A family-oriented affair, the Championship Finals will entertain rodeo goers of all ages with special appearances by "Buffalo Bill," rodeo clown "Doc" Minnick, and a horse-driven stagecoach.

Rodeo visitors will also be thrilled by death-defying chuck wagon racing traditionally seen at rodeos in Calgary, Alberta and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

During intermission, rodeo guests will be entertained by the "Law Enforcement Bull Dressing Competition." Three-member teams from Coastwide law enforcement agencies will hustle to dress their bulls in the fastest time.

Two hours before each rodeo performance, children 10 and under can enjoy free pony rides as well as the "Gold Rush," an event where youngsters will search in a haystack for money and prizes.

At the rodeo, parents may register children weighing 50 pounds or less for "mutton busting." Ten youngsters chosen at



Rodeo

Jim Pitts, left, director of tourism marketing at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau; Janie Allen, development/public relations director for Special Olympics Mississippi; Bob Short, mayor of Gulfport and president of Special Olympics Mississippi; and Bo Campbell, rodeo organizer for the Professional Cowboy Association, pose in front of a chuckwagon displaying the dates of the championship finals to be held Jan. 7-10 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi.

random will have rodeo-style fun as they ride sheep for prizes.

Tickets to each rodeo show are \$15 for reserved seating, \$12 for general admission and \$10 for children 12 and under. Advance general admission tickets will be sold for \$10.

Special Olympics Mississippi, which is producing the rodeo program with photos and biographies of the 120 contestants, will receive all proceeds from rodeo program sales.

To support Special Olympics Mississippi, law enforcement officers from Bay St. Louis, Bi-

oxi, Gulfport and the Harrison County Sheriff's Department, the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, Ocean Springs, Moss Point and Pascagoula will sell rodeo program advertisements. Ads may be purchased by contacting Theron Edge at 228-435-6103 or 228-432-4498.

Sponsored to date are Astro Lincoln-Mercury, Boomtown Casino, Casino Magic, F.E.B. Distributing, the Imperial Palace, the Mississippi Gulf Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau and the President Casino Broadwater Resort.

## Monster truck show slated in New Orleans

The U.S. Hot Rod Grand Slam of Motor Sports will again bring some of the world's best monster trucks, including the Grave Digger, to the Louisiana Superdome Saturday, Jan. 30. Last year a record crowd packed the Superdome for this event.

A limited number of special Gold Circle seats will be available. Ticket prices range from \$8 to \$20. Special discount coupons will be available at local Dodge dealers.

Several tons of dirt will be hauled into the Superdome, transforming the home of the Saints into the ideal indoor motor sports track for a night of intense monster truck action. In addition, several of the nation's top-ranked quad riders will square off in a bar-to-bar, no-

rules war for the championship. Sand racers will drag race for the top spot, and legend cars and a demolition derby will leave spectators on the edge of their seats.

Fans are invited to walk the track, see the vehicles up close and meet the drivers at a special pit party Saturday, Jan. 30, 3-5 p.m.

Free passes are available at local Dodge dealers. The pass, along with an event ticket, will allow fans access to the stadium floor. The passes will also be available at the Superdome Box Office Jan. 30 for \$5.

All tickets are reserved. They are available at the Superdome Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets, including Major Video and Tower Records. To charge by phone, call 504-522-5555.

## Magic adds penny slots

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis is one of the first Mississippi Gulf Coast casinos to offer a new line of VLC slot machines which offer denominations in a one-cent, a five-cent and a two- and ten-cent combination. Additionally, guests may play up to 250 credits at once on these new coin-free machines.

"This type of game is new to the Gulf Coast, and we are excited about being a Beta test site for it. Every indication is that the machines are more convenient and user-friendly, allowing guests to spend more time having fun," said Director of Slot Operations Matthew Semski.

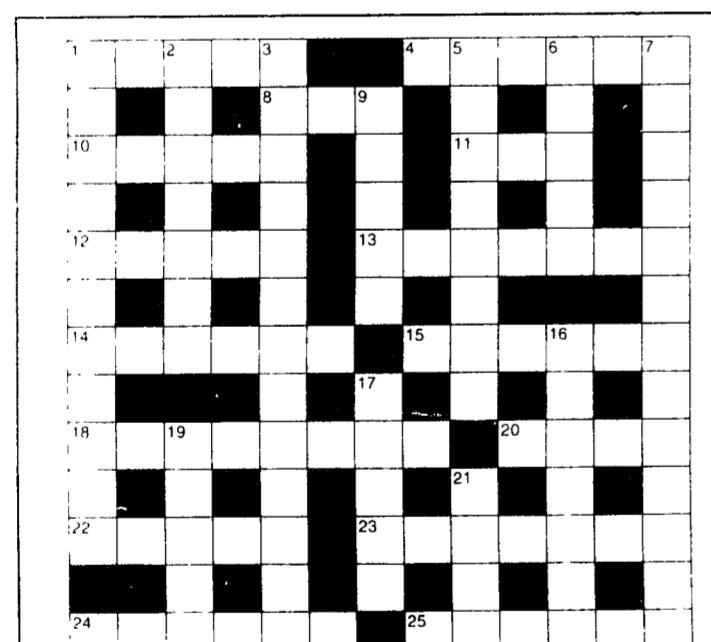
The advantage of coin-free machines are they never require filling, never sit idle for jackpot payoffs and almost never need a service call. Similar to Louisiana's video poker machines, bills go in and tickets come out.

Casino Magic's new machines are to be located on the second floor of the casino. VLC Power Games include Polly & Roger, Great Whites & Ring 'Em Up, plus six new popular Poker games. Look for Beezerk, Polly's Gold and 7's Wild, too.

The new penny slots will be installed at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis by the second week of December.

Additionally, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis is in the process of reconfiguring its high limit slot area. The area will offer guests more privacy with a separate room, as well as a dedicated cashier and redemption area. It will feature high limit blackjack tables, various high limit slots,

and is scheduled for completion by mid-December.



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- Cheer
- Indian instrument
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- French river
- Fabric
- Assigned jobs to
- Russian physiologist
- Godlike
- Look at quickly
- Soprano
- Hybrid fruit
- Put to zero
- Removes

### CLUES DOWN

- Rustler
- Jack and Peter
- Aerialist
- Addictive
- Rings
- Merchants, sort
- Flavorings
- Servants
- Small quantity, Scot.
- Rewards, archaic
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### SOLUTIONS ACROSS

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- Pavlov
- Immortal
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- Tangelo
- Resets
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- Cattle thief
- Rabbits
- Trapeze artist
- Habitual
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### DECEMBER 14

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### DECEMBER 15

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### DECEMBER 16

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## Hancock County holiday events and festivities

SUNDAY, DEC. 13

Waveland Civic Assn. Christmas Parade, 5 p.m. and Waveland Festival of Lights, 6 p.m. on Coleman Ave. Bonfire will be lit at 7:30 p.m. on the beach in front of Coleman Ave. Entertainment by St. Clare Church Choir and third grade, Waveland Elementary.

Christmas Card Line, Mollere Drive, Waveland. "Opening Night" celebration. Santa will be there from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Trolleys from Coleman Ave. to Christmas Card Lane will be available. Contact Beverly at 467-2618 or 467-5496.

Main Street United Methodist "Hanging of the Greens" service, 6:15 p.m. A song-filled evening for the entire family. 467-4538

Prismacolor Pencil Workshop at the Ohr Center, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. \$45 members, \$55 non-members. Instructor is Steve Shepard. Workshop teaches a technique of drawing with prismacolor pencils on watercolor paper darkened with washes of watercolor. List of materials available. Contact Anne Blocker at 436-8607.

TUESDAY, DEC. 15  
Bookends Bookstore, Pajama Party with Santa, sto-

ries and photos, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 17

Chamber Christmas After Hours at Torgy's, Casino Magic, 5-7 p.m. Event is open to Chamber members and guests. Admission is two business cards. 467-9048

FRIDAY, DEC. 18  
Bay Catholic Elementary School Christmas Program is 10 a.m., OLG

SUNDAY, DEC. 20  
CCD Christmas Program, 7 p.m., OLG

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23  
Sacrament of the Sick, 11 a.m., OLG, Christmas Penance Service, 7 p.m., OLG

THURSDAY, DEC. 24  
Masses, 5:30, 7:30 p.m. and midnight. The OLG Choir will perform 11:30 p.m.-midnight.

FRIDAY, DEC. 25  
Masses 7:30 a.m., St. Joseph Chapel; 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., OLG

**MORE RED RIBBON CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

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• Image Co. Boutique, Blue Meadow Road, Bay St. Louis will have extended hours during the holidays, through Dec. 23, Monday-Saturday until 8 p.m. 467-0606.

• The Amazing Randolph's (467-9257 ext. 4161) and Torgy's on the Green (463-4040) at Casino Magic, will offer a holiday menu in addition to their regular menu during the holidays. Make your reservations.

• Casino Magic has gift certificates available to the Arnold Palmer Golf Academy or The Bridges Golf Resort. Call 1-800-562-4425, ext. 8062.

• Hairworks Full Service Salon, 404 Dunbar Avenue, Bay St. Louis, has holiday gift certificates available. Call 467-0104

## Poinsettias' splendor last beyond holidays

By Jamie Vickers  
MSU Ag Communications

With proper selection and care, a beautiful, traditional holiday plant may last long past the holidays.

"Poinsettias have become a tradition, and some new gorgeous varieties will be showing up this year," said Norman Winter, horticulturist at the Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center.

"The colorful parts of the poinsettia are actually modified leaves known as bracts. The true flowers are the small yellow buttons in the center of the bracts," Winter said. "Look for plants with fully mature, thoroughly colored and expanded bracts with small green flower buds."

Some of the new variety of poinsettias include Pepride and Freedom. With dark green leaves and deep red bracts, Pepride is eye-catching. Freedom is also dark red with dark green leaves.

One variety has variegated, silver and green foliage and dark red bracts. This type is called Silver Star. Sonora Jingle Bells has a peppermint look because of its dark red bracts with white flecks.

"Unless you prefer red, there are several pink varieties that may be the most beautiful poinsettias ever developed," Winter said.

Monet has bracts that are pink with drifts of darker pink or burgundy. One of the pink variety has a creamy white variegation that is the reason it is

named Marble Star.

If properly cared for, poinsettias will last many weeks or months depending on the maturity of the plant when purchased, the type of poinsettia and how the plant is treated.

"Select plants with dark green foliage down to the soil line," Winter said. "As a rule of thumb, poinsettias should be 2½ times larger than their pots."

Avoid purchasing plants after the yellow beads in the center of the bracts have dropped from the plant.

Place poinsettias in the sunniest place possible. Do not allow the bracts to touch the cold window panes. Freezing outdoor temperatures may cause damage, since the plant was grown at day temperatures of 70 degrees and night temperatures of 60 degrees.

Humidity is relatively high in the greenhouse, and to increase the humidity around the poinsettia at home, place the plant in a saucer filled with gravel. Add water so evaporation from the gravel provides the additional humidity. The water level should remain just below the bottom of the pot to avoid soggy soil.

"Poinsettias do not like drastic temperature changes or drafty locations, so keep them away from radiators, air vents and space heaters," Winter said.

To grow poinsettias through the year to flower the following

**POINSETTIA—PAGE 4**

## Lib Gal

More than tended the library's 1998 Sunday at Hancock Co.

Trees decorated 50 businesses and schools for the public at the library Dec. 30.

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# Library's Holiday Tree Gala winners announced

More than 700 people attended the Hancock County Library's 1998 Holiday Tree Gala Sunday at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

Trees decorated by more than 50 businesses, organizations and schools were on display for the public and will remain in the library until Wednesday, Dec. 30.

The Best in Show ribbon went to the Mississippi Home-maker Volunteers, with a six-foot tree named "A Tour of Mississippi." The tree celebrates the Gulf Coast's tricentennial that begins in 1999.

Pecan garlands, magnolias, alligators, mockingbirds, wood ducks and other Mississippi ornaments decorate the tree. The members of the organization began working on this tree last year.

Beach Bunz Tanning Salon received the Most Creative Tree ribbon for its depiction of their business. There are palm trees, shells and fish strings of lights. There are ornaments with sunglasses, starfish, shells, suns and more.

The Designer Award was captured by Adams Loraine Flower Shop. The six-foot chandelier tree is made of window screen sprayed with chrome paint and glitter, clear crystal globe ornaments, glass icicles and silver snowflakes.

The Best New Entrant ribbon was awarded to St. Clare Catholic School, whose sixth grade class decorated a Jesse Tree. The Jesse Tree tells the story of the Old Testament and the prefiguring of the Messiah. Jesse was the father of David, and it was prophesied that the Messiah would come from the House of David. The tree is bare because the Messiah has not come yet. Each ornament depicts a symbol taken from the Bible.

The tree placed by Coast Episcopal School's kindergarten through fifth grade classes was named the Outstanding Youth Tree first place. This tree depicts the Helping Angel Loaner Program, which began in November when teacher Debra Johnson delivered a homily in church about each student loaning their guardian angels to fellow student Dillian Ladner and his family. Dillian has been diagnosed with an inoperative tumor behind his eye and is presently at St. Jude's Hospital.

The children picked up on this thought; it ballooned, and thus the "Helping Angels Loan Program" was established to loan guardian angels to those in need. Each ornament on the tree symbolizes a guardian angel, and the name of the person the student is loaning his or her guardian angel to is written on the clothespin.

Second place in the Youth Category went to the Hancock County School District, whose



tree depicts the implementation of the laptop computer program, where every student has received a laptop computer to take home and connect to the Internet. The ornaments include compact discs and floppy disks, along with a satellite as a tree topper.

The Hancock County Health Department was the first place winner in the outstanding six-foot (traditional) category, with Gather Ye Rosebuds placing second.

Alcan Cable Company received the first place ribbon in the outstanding six-foot (non-traditional) category, with a tree made from the aluminum they produce.

The City of Bay St. Louis was the second place winner in the

outstanding six-foot (non-traditional) category, with a tree that used teddy bears and pictures of employees' children as ornaments.

In the outstanding three-foot (traditional) category, the Bay-Waveland Garden Club received the first place ribbon for its cedar tree decorated with magnolia leaves, boxwood, holly, golden twig stars wrapped with vines and a vine garland.

The second place ribbon in the outstanding three-foot (traditional) category went to Cafe' Reef, whose tree was decorated with fish and shells.

The movie "A Christmas Story" was the basis for the tree entered by Paper Moon, who placed first in the outstanding three-foot (non-traditional) category. Items from the movie included in the display were a bb gun, a Christmas wish list, an old wooden radio and other items from the movie.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS MS 233 Waveland) received the second place ribbon in the outstanding three-foot (non-traditional) category. Their tree was decorated with miniature scales, forks and spoons.

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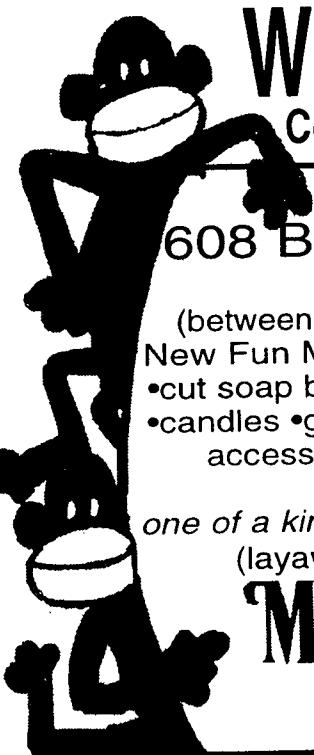
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Adrienne Bradley, left, and David Woodburn, with the Hancock County Library System, present the People's Choice ribbon to Melinda Richard, center, president of the Gather Ye Rosebuds organization. Danna Piazza, treasurer, and Janet Dudding.

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## Holly in holiday tradition

For centuries, holly has been the subject of myths, legends and traditional observances. The ancient Chinese used *Ilex chinensis* extensively for decorating during their February New Year festivals.

The Romans used the plant to decorate their houses, temples and deities for Saturnalia, the mid-winter feast. They exchanged holly boughs as symbols of goodwill and friendship. This practice is considered the forerunner of holly's use in Christmas celebrations.

Ancient history says the Druids used holly in their religious rites long before the custom came to the European continent. The Druids of ancient Britain and Gaul held the English holly tree sacred.

The "holy" connotation con-

tinued in later days in Europe where the plant was widely believed to repel evil spirits. People planted trees and used their branches as protection against witchcraft, mad dogs and other evils.

Sometime in the past, the pagans of Europe took sprays of holly into their homes so that the tiny, imaginary peoples of the woodland would be safe from the cold of winter in the evergreen boughs. Later, holly was used as holiday decor that gave the good fairies and elves a place to hide as they did their good deeds.

With the coming of Christianity, the use of holly was condemned as a pagan ritual and forbidden by the Christian

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## Poinsettia

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Christmas, critical conditions are necessary.

After several weeks, poinsettias will begin to wither despite proper care. At this time, allow the soil to dry, but not enough to shrivel the entire stem.

The plant should remain in a warm area as it becomes semi-dormant, and move it outside as soon as the danger of frost passes. Place poinsettias in a flower bed where they can receive full sun, and cut them back three to five inches above the soil line.

Fertilize poinsettias every 14 days, and keep the plants moist during hot, dry months.

"New growth should appear within two weeks after planting," Winter said.

Tip pinch the new growth to encourage multiple branching, but do not pinch after Sept. 1.

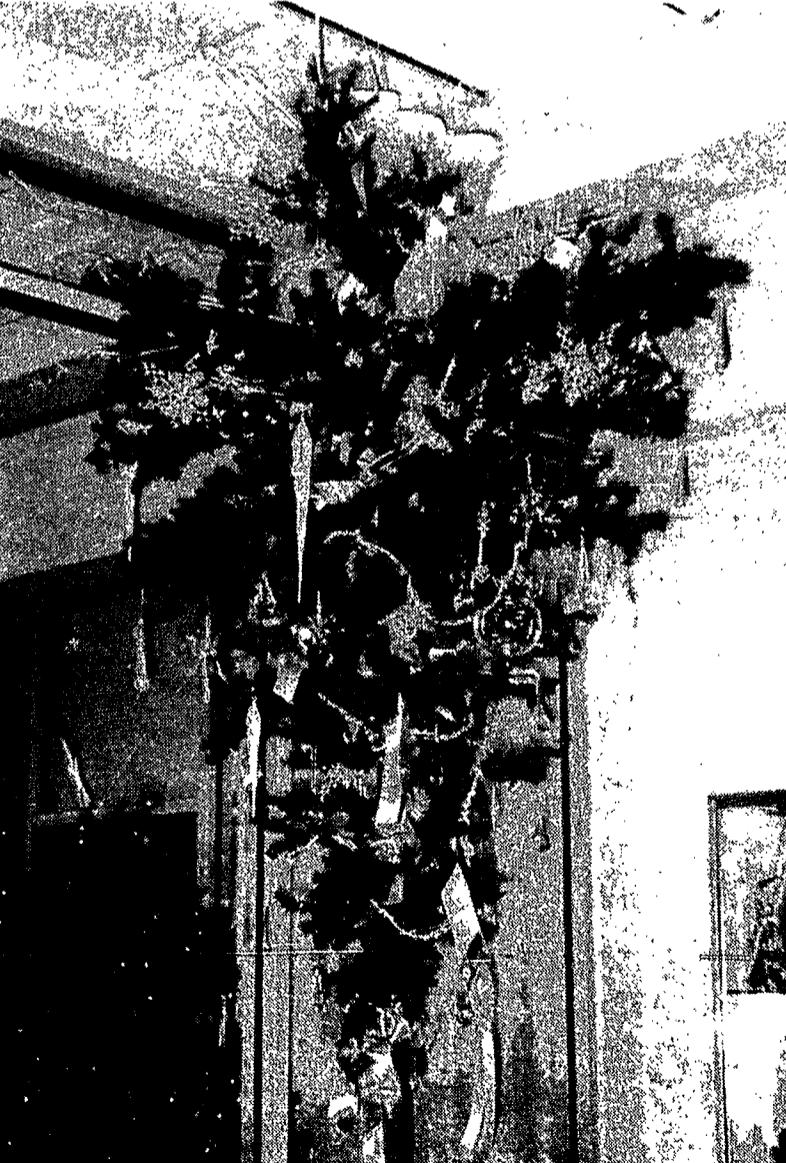
"Move poinsettias indoors as the danger of frost approaches," Winter said.

From Sept. 15 until blooming, protect the plant from stray light after sundown. Even light from an overhead light or a bright flashlight causes the plant not to flower by Christmas.

By late November, the bracts should begin to color and the poinsettia should be in full flower by Christmas.



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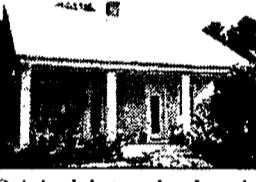
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## Best in Show trophy

Displaying the Best in Show trophy for their trees are Mississippi Homemaker Volunteers, from left, Beverly Vaughan, Jule Gabe, Gale Brown, and club president, Dolores Bullitt.

## Natural decorations add beauty to season

By Jamie Vickers  
MSU Ag Communications

Bring nature into the home to create a new look for both traditional and non-traditional decorations this holiday season.

"There are a lot of things that you can do with materials around your home to decorate for the holidays," said Jim DelPrince, assistant professor of floral design at Mississippi State University.

Poinsettias are traditional decorations for the Christmas holidays. Research at Ohio State University has proven that poinsettias are not poisonous. These plants are common decorations at Christmas time and they add beautiful color to any

room.

Special care is necessary for poinsettias. Water is easily trapped in the wrapper around the pot which causes the over-watered plant to rot and die.

"Punch holes in the wrapper or remove it altogether. Keep the plants in well-lit areas and away from drafts to help them stay fresh and beautiful," said Norman Winter, a horticulturist with MSU's Extension Service.

"Alternative plants are becoming more popular," DelPrince said. "Amaryllis is a non-traditional, trumpet-shaped flower that blooms six to eight weeks after planting."

Another non-traditional de-

corative flower is the narcissus.

"The bulbs should be arranged in a bowl with gravel and water," DelPrince said. "They grow in the water, and the flowers are very fragrant."

Beaded garland becomes a more natural decoration after adding walnuts or pecans. Drill a hole in the nut, lengthwise, and string them with the beads. Berries also may be added.

"Garland accents Christmas trees, mantels and doorways," DelPrince said. "Foliage clippings from your yard, like holly and boxwood, can be bound with wire or rope to make your own garland."

After making garland, add pine cones and/or citrus fruit studded with cloves for fragrance.

"Adding berries, cones and holly to artificial garland and wreaths which are brought in stores works well," DelPrince said. "Twisting the fresh greenery into the artificial makes it look very real because of the heavy green basis."

Other greenery found in the landscape may be used for decoration. Use greenery as it looks in the landscape or it can be spray-painted gold or another festive color.

"Native hollies, with their waxy green leaves and bright berries are a natural holiday accent for homes," Winter said.

Magnolia leaves are also beautiful

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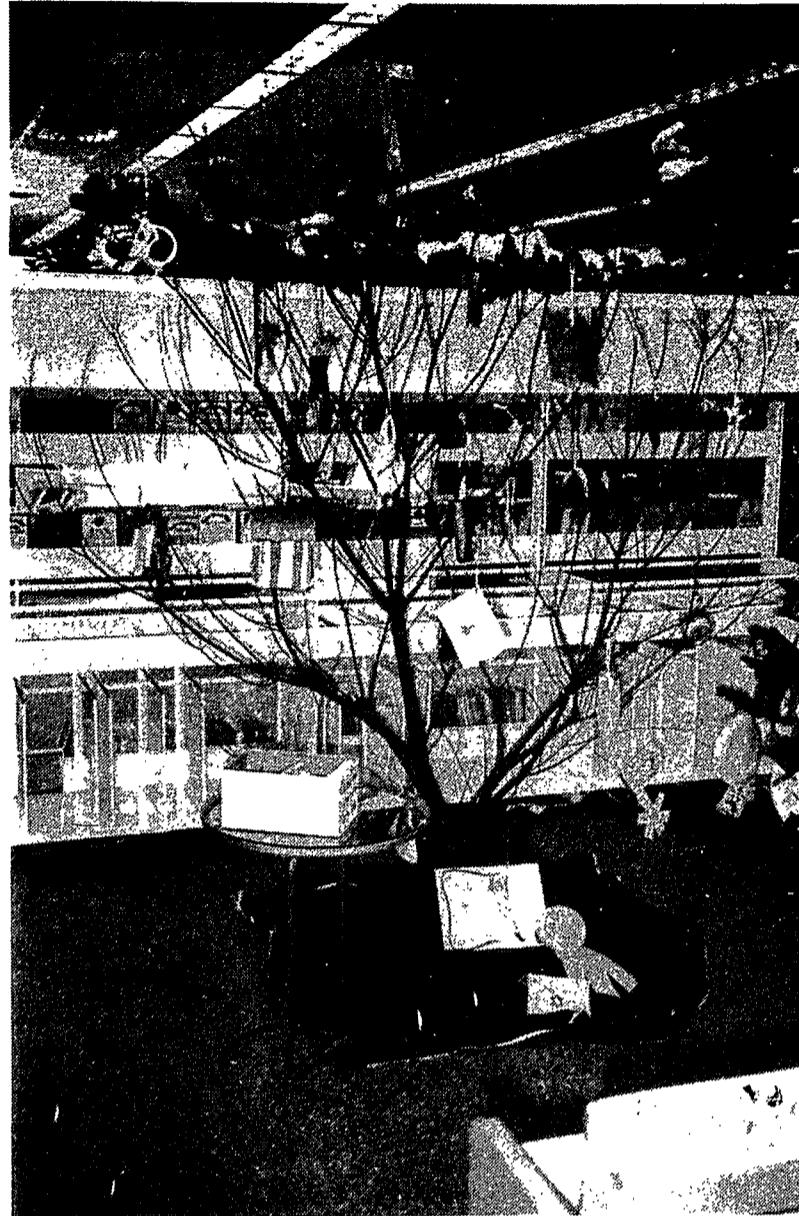
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## Santa's history

By Juelie McLean

Santa has not always appeared the way we think of him today. The first well-known gift-giver was a true person — St. Nicholas.

He lived in Myra (today we know it as Turkey) in about 300 A.D. Born an only child of a wealthy family, he was orphaned at an early age when both parents died of the plague.

He grew up in a monastery and at the age of 17 became one of the youngest priests ever.

Many stories are told of his generosity as he gave his wealth away in the form of gifts to those in need, especially children.

Legends tell of him either dropping bags of gold down chimneys or throwing the bags through the windows where they landed in the stockings hung from the fireplace to dry.

Some years later Nicholas became a bishop — hence the bishop's hat or miter, long flowing gown, white beard and red cape. After his death he was elevated to sainthood. Eventually the Catholic Church started celebrating Christmas, and St. Nicholas was incorporated into the season.

When the Reformation took place, the new Protestants no longer desired St. Nicholas as their gift-giver as he was too closely tied to the Catholic Church. Therefore, each country or region developed their own gift-giver.

In France he was known as Pere Noel. In England he was Father Christmas (always depicted with sprigs of holly, ivy or mistletoe).

Germany knew him as Weihnachtsmann (Christmas man). When the Communists took over in Russia and outlawed Christianity, the Russians began to call him Grandfather Frost, who wore blue instead of the traditional red.

To the Dutch, he was Sinterklaas (which eventually was mispronounced in America and became Santa Claus).

These Santas were arrayed in every color of the rainbow — sometimes even in black. But they all had long white beards and carried gifts for the children.

The Santa we know today had his beginning in 1823 with Clement C. Moore's *A Visit from St. Nicholas* in which he described St. Nicholas as "chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf."

Forty years later, Thomas Nast, political cartoonist, created a different illustration each year of Santa for the cover of Harper's Weekly. His Santa was a plump, jolly old fellow with a white beard and smoking a long-stemmed pipe.

During the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln asked Nast to do an illustration showing Santa with the Union troops.

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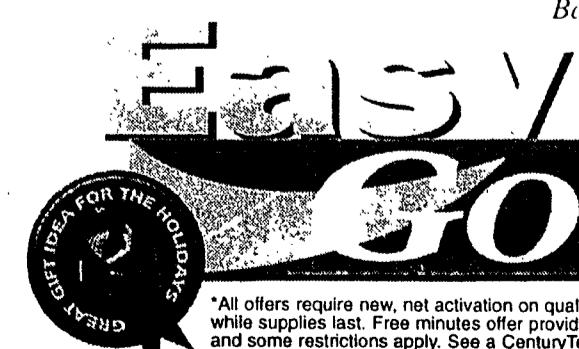


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## Holly

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council. But Christian Romans continued to decorate with holly during festive seasons.

European Christian symbolism included the belief that the spiny leaves and red berries were a reminder of the crown of thorns and the blood of Christ.

The Pennsylvania Dutch held that the plant's white flowers represented Jesus' purity. The Germans called this plant Christdorn, Christ's crown of thorns. They thought holly had white berries until they were stained by Christ's blood.

The Welsh believed that bringing holly in before Christmas Eve caused quarrels, while some Germans and English thought that the choice of a male or female bough in the house indicated whether husband or wife would rule during the coming year. (Holly trees come in sexes, like people. The female tree has berries; the male does not.)

Some English people thought it was unlucky to leave holly up after Twelfth Night (New Year's Eve) and that the used boughs should be burned. Others felt that the branches should be saved in the home until the following winter to ensure lightning protection.

In more recent times, holly has been used very commonly in England as decoration during



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## Proper precautions may reduce risk of fire, injury from fireworks, Christmas trees

Despite its "merry" billing, the holiday season can be a disaster waiting to happen if the necessary precautions are not heeded, says a University of Mississippi staff member.

Fireworks and the improper handling of live Christmas trees can create potentially hazardous situations which are likely to threaten or harm loved ones and others, says Bobby Camp, coordinator of technical services at Ole Miss and special deputy fire inspector for Mississippi.

### FIREWORKS

"Fireworks were meant to provide enjoyment. But they can backfire on you, and that is a very important thing to always keep in mind," Camp said. As many as 7,600 people were treated in hospitals for fireworks-related injuries in 1996, as estimated by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Practicing safety when handling fireworks requires "just a little common sense," said Camp, offering the following suggestions for having safe holiday fun with fireworks:

#### • Always have adult supervision.

Parents or other adults should supervise children in every step. This means purchasing fireworks, handling them and setting them off. "Always remember that you are handling explosives," Camp said. "Set a good example for youngsters who are watching you."

#### • Follow instructions.

Fireworks will be labeled with the proper instructions for use. Never hold fireworks in your hand, Camp advised. Ro-

man candles, for example, can explode in your hand. Never throw fireworks or aim fireworks at another person.

#### • Choose the right location to set off fireworks.

Remember to check local ordinances to find out if shooting fireworks is allowed. Find an area with a smooth surface (a concrete driveway, for example) and stay away from low-hanging limbs that might block fireworks from detonating in the air.

#### • Wear proper clothing.

Avoid wearing nylon and rayon or other synthetic fabrics. Cotton and flame-retardant clothing are best to wear. Also avoid wearing loose-fitting clothes. Have water on hand in case something catches on fire.

#### • Never ignite fireworks with matches.

Instead of using matches, light the fuse with a special elongated lighting stick found at fireworks stands.

#### • Don't relight fireworks.

If the fuse on a firework burns out, don't relight it. The fuse may be burning from the inside. In addition, the fuse may be so short that when it is re-ignited, it could explode immediately.

### CHRISTMAS TREES

Also, consider the threat of fire that live Christmas trees pose. "People often disregard the danger that Christmas trees present," Camp said.

Heed the following advice when caring for your live tree this year:

- Select a fresh Christmas tree. Choose a tree that is not dry and hasn't begun to lose its needles.

- Cut one inch off the base of the tree and cut at an angle.

- always keep the tree in water. Replenish water regularly.

- Keep tree at least five feet away from heaters, fireplaces and other open flames.

- Don't leave tree lights on when no one is home. Throw away lights that are cracked or broken. Don't place decorations close to the lights.

- Avoid overloading electrical sockets. Never use more than three light sets per extension.

- Dispose of the tree promptly after Christmas. Never try burning your tree in the fireplace.

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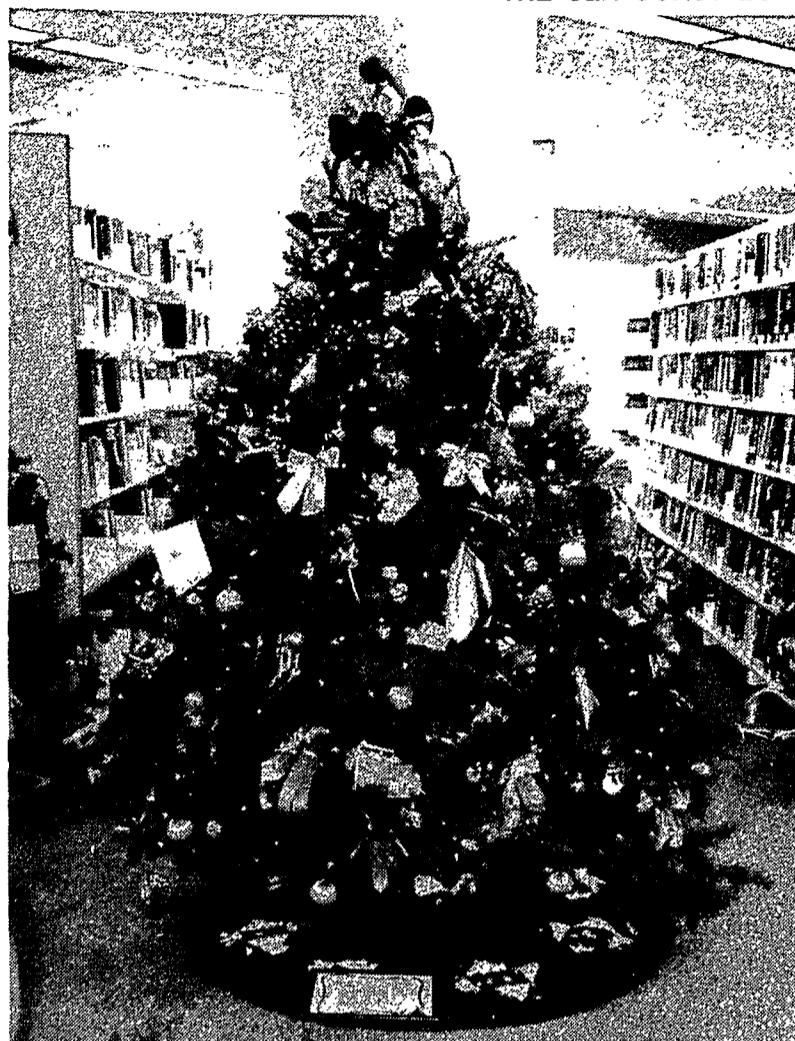
OUTSTANDING YOUTH TREE — second place, Hancock County School District

**Christmas tree**

The history of the modern Christmas tree goes back to 16th century Germany. In Alsace (Elsass) around Strasbourg there was a widespread practice of bringing trees (evergreens, not necessarily a fir-tree) into houses for decoration during Christmastide. This practice may well derive from pagan times.

The modern custom is also connected with the Paradise tree hung with apples. The decorations could symbolize the Christian Hosts, too (a gruesome reminder of the human sacrifices). Instead of trees, various wooden pyramidal structures were also used. In 17th century the Christmas tree spread through Germany and Scandinavia. Eventually the tree was decorated, first with candles and candies, then with apples and confections.

The success of the tree in Protestant countries was enhanced by the legend which attributed the tradition to Martin Luther himself (in Catholic countries the custom was unknown till then). The German immigrants brought the Christmas tree to America in 17th century. Public outdoor trees with electric candles were introduced in 1906.



OUTSTANDING SIX-FOOT TREE (Traditional) — first place, Hancock County Health Department

## Home for the Holidays at Gulf Islands National Seashore

Home for the Holidays is the place to be this time of year. If during December you're home here on the Mississippi coast, remember to take time to enjoy a few minutes. Davis Bayou offers quiet walks, children's exhibits, displays and videos illustrating the beautiful Gulf Coast, its people, creatures and history.

Also during December, special programs with park rangers are featured every Sunday afternoon at Davis Bayou. Enjoy finding out about winged wanderers, taking a holiday marsh walk and even how to make a planet. All programs are free, begin at 2 p.m. on Sundays and can be seen at the William M. Colmer Visitor Center in Ocean Springs.

Winter visitors are coming back to Gulf Islands National Seashore this December. Can you recognize a bufflehead, scaup, loon or common loon? On Sunday, Dec. 13, you can learn which birds are which during "Birds of Winter." Enjoy this fun-filled ranger-talk, followed by a short walk, for birders, beginning birders and especially non-birders at 2 p.m. in the Visitor Center.

One small item to be thankful for during the holiday season is having the luck to be here on the Gulf Coast. Find out why on Sunday, Dec. 20, we take time to enjoy a beautiful fall day and the holiday season at Davis Bayou.

"Marsh Walk" takes you on a fun-filled stroll on the board-

walks in search of creatures, critters and Coast folklore at 2 p.m. at the Davis Bayou Visitor Center.

Except for Dec. 25, the Colmer Visitor Center opens seven days a week from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. On Christmas Day, the Visitor Center will be closed, but other Davis Bayou facilities including picnic areas, campgrounds and fishing pier will be open during regular park hours.

"Home for the Holidays" concludes with a special program and homecoming on Sunday, Dec. 27. South Louisiana native and geologist, Dr. Bob Lilly, talks about how mountains, barrier islands, volcanoes and beaches all fit together to make this planet we live on at 2 p.m. in the Colmer Visitor Center.

Currently working on a book

about plate tectonics in national parks, this former park ranger and Cornell University graduate has researched geologic processes in, among other places, the European Alps and Carpathian mountains as well as the Himalayas in Asia.

Using slides and illustrations, Dr. Lilly explains how the gulf fits into the plate tectonics scheme during this hour-long presentation at 2 p.m. in the Visitor Center auditorium.

Due to road construction, the campground and adjacent picnic areas are accessible only by Hanley Road from Hwy. 90. This also means the William M. Colmer Visitor Center is accessible only by Park Road from Hwy. 90.

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## Drinking alcohol could hamper holiday spirits

By Jamie Vickers  
MSU Ag Communications

Eat, drink and be merry during the holidays, but if activities include alcohol, some people need to refrain.

"There are several groups of people who should not drink alcohol at all," said Dr. Barbara McLaurin, human nutrition specialist with the Mississippi University Extension Service.

"These include anyone planning to drive or engage in skill-related activities, anyone using medication, children and adolescents, or those who cannot drink in moderation."

Another major group that should avoid alcohol is any woman who is pregnant or trying to conceive.

"No safe level has been established for pregnant women. As few as one to two drinks a day has been associated with harmful effects on a developing fetus," McLaurin said. "Damages are likely to occur during the first three months of pre-

gnancy, sometimes before a woman knows she is pregnant."

Moderation is defined as not more than one drink a day for women and not more than two drinks daily for men. A drink is one 12-ounce regular beer, or 5 ounces of wine or 1.5 ounces of distilled spirits (80 proof).

Alcohol can remain in the blood for three to five hours even after moderate drinking.

She said a study in the New England Journal of Medicine showed that women absorb more alcohol than men even when weights are equal.

One major reason to limit alcohol consumption is a high concentration of calories in drinks. McLaurin said alcohol has almost as many calories as does fat.

"Avoiding or decreasing alcohol intake is a good way to cut calories," McLaurin said.

Chronic use of alcohol suppresses the appetite, interfering with the consumption of nutrients.

"Research indicates many drinkers get 10 percent or more of their total calories from alcohol," McLaurin said. "Heavy drinking can lead to malnutrition because these drinkers do not eat as much or may skip meals."

Not only is excessive drinking hazardous to personal health, but it is against the law when combined with driving.

Total DUI, driving under the influence, arrests in Mississippi have increased from 22,000 in 1991 to 33,400 in 1997, according to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety figures.

Those ages 25 to 44 years old make up the largest percentage of those arrested for DUI, and ages 20 to 24 are the next largest group.

Driving under the influence is not restricted to those of legal drinking age. Young men ages 18 to 20 years old report driving while impaired almost as frequently as men 21 to 34 years, according to results from a national survey of health behaviors.

Maintaining good healthy should be enough incentive to avoid celebrating the holidays with excessive alcohol and consideration of the lives of others.



## Visitors a plenty

Over 700 visitors and friends of the library visited for the annual Christmas Tree Gala.

## Freshest Christmas trees can be a hazard unless cared for properly

Selecting the freshest Christmas tree on the lot means nothing if you don't provide the proper care once you get the tree home.

A fresh tree will have pliable needles, a fresh evergreen aroma, a typical green color and firm needle retention. These characteristics should be used when selecting a tree.

Start by selecting a tree appropriate for the room. Most trees look smaller on a lot than they do indoors. Part of the reason is the fact there's no ceiling to establish a firm height.

Additionally most trees are raised several inches to a foot when placed in a tree stand.

Don't forget to include the final height of the tree topper whether it's an angel, star or ornament.

Know beforehand how tall the tree can be. Stick with the final height. Removing some of the lower branches can destroy the shape of the tree.

Buy early. Most corner tree lots receive only one shipment of Christmas trees. Trees don't become fresher sitting in a lot until the middle of December.

Trees start drying out if not placed in a bucket or container of water. The sun and wind will dry needles, lowering the tree's freshness.

Even though you don't plan on putting your tree up right away, you can still purchase it early and provide the proper care.

Store the tree out of the wind and freezing temperatures. Make a fresh cut on the butt end of at least one inch. Place the tree in a five-gallon bucket of warm water.

An unheated garage is a good location to store the tree temporarily. The cooler the temperatures, as long as it's above freezing, the better.

Christmas trees can remain several weeks indoors.

When you're ready to put the tree up, remove another inch of stump. A flat cut is best; there

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are no advantages to an angled cut.

The second cut is not necessary if the tree is not to be stored for longer than three days.

Immediately place the tree into a stand that holds at least a half-gallon of water. A fresh tree has the ability to soak up a gallon of water per day initially. Keep the water level well above the base of the cut at all times.

Having a child responsible for checking and maintaining the water level daily provides them the opportunity to contribute to the holiday decorating.

If the cut end dries out due to a lack of water the sap will harden in the butt end. Water won't be able to be absorbed into the tree. Ideally, another inch needs to be removed from the butt end.

No water additives such as aspirin, sugar or flame retardants are necessary. Research has shown that plain water keeps trees as fresh as anything.

A picture window or patio door may seem like the ideal location for a tree. It is, provided the door or window doesn't face south or west.

Southern and western views may expose the tree to unnecessary sun and heat. Setting the tree a couple feet back lessens potential problems.

Trees should also be placed away from hot air registers, space heaters and fireplaces to minimize fire hazards as well as rapid tree drying.

Use only UL-approved Christmas lights on a tree.

A fresh tree will continue to use water, but at a reduced rate throughout the holiday season. Fresh trees are not a fire hazard. Most won't burn. If the tree has been allowed to dry out, however, fire is a real hazard.

If you have made a fresh cut on the base but the tree no longer absorbs water, it has lost moisture below the critical level and will never regain its freshness. A tree in this condition will burn and should be removed from the house.

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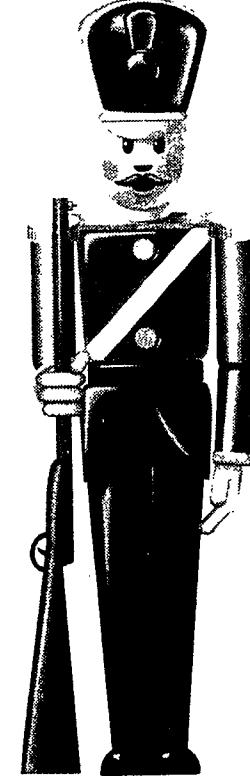
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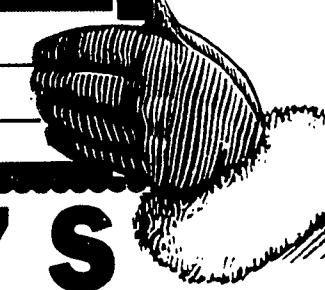
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### Holiday presents ideal time to enrich children

Ask children what they would like to do during the holidays, and you'll probably get one of these answers: "Go to the movies," "Go shopping for a new music CD, video or computer game," or, "Hang out with friends."

The last thing you might expect to hear is something which could be construed as "educational" or "culturally enriching." But who said learning experiences have to stop during the holidays or be put on hold until the school term begins again in January?

Not the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Mississippi. In fact, Ole Miss Associate Professor Anne K. Bomba is convinced that Christmas is an ideal time to teach kids.

"Children are relaxed and at ease during the Christmas holidays," she said. "They are away from school and homework, and they often can be more open to new ideas and experiences than they might be in a formal learning environment."

As opposed to other times of the year, when kids are occupied with after-school activities like soccer, ballet or scouting, Bomba believes that Christmas and Hanukkah learning and enrichment opportunities should be centered around home.

"So many families are over-programmed, and planning things for kids to do away from the house means that someone has to drive them," she said.

Instead, she suggests working on a puzzle, watching a special video or pursuing other traditional family activities.

Rather than attempting to duplicate learning experiences covered in the classroom, Bomba said it makes more sense for parents to focus on areas outside the scope of educational curricula but nevertheless important.

"Christmas is a great time to reinforce family values," she said. "What better time than Christmas to impart the idea that everything fun or meaningful doesn't have to involve money."

An important holiday lesson for young children might involve something as simple as making a greeting card for a neighbor or constructing a bird feeder to place in the yard.

"Interacting with others in the neighborhood reinforces a sense of community in a child," said Bomba. "The construction of a bird feeder instills self-confidence and says that it's important to respect nature and our animal friends."

For older kids, a parent can take advantage of the interaction of extended families at Christmas to teach them who they are as individuals.

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